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Las Vegas Assistant Sheriff Kevin McMehill, center, speaks during a news conference, Monday, June 9, 2014, in Las Vegas. Police say two police officers, along with a bystander, were killed by Jerad and Amanda Miller yesterday.

(AP Photo/John Locher)

Vegas Cop Killers Had Anti-Government View

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — A husband and wife who went on a deadly shooting rampage in Las Vegas harbored anti-government beliefs and left a swastika and a "Don't tread on me" flag on the body of one of

the two police officers they killed, authorities said Monday.

The flag, with its roots in the American Revolution, is a symbol for anti-government groups.

Police said they believe the swastika was intended to paint police as Nazis, not necessarily as an ex-

pression of the Millers' own white-supremacist views.

Jerad and Amanda Miller had been kicked off a Nevada ranch where anti-government protesters faced down federal agents earlier this year because they were "very radical," according to the son of rancher Cliven Bundy.

Bundy, who rejects the authority of the federal government, got into a high-profile showdown with U.S. officials who say he owes more than \$1 million in fees and penalties for grazing his cattle on government land.

Hundreds of supporters, some of them armed, went

to the ranch to support Bundy.

Assistant Sheriff Kevin McMehill said the Millers had ideology shared by "militia and white supremacists," including the belief that law enforcement was the "oppressor."

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Activists condemn far-right leader in France

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PARIS - Anti-racism activists vowed Monday to file a criminal complaint against the far-right National Front's founder Jean-Marie Le Pen after he used an apparently anti-Semitic pun about ovens to dismiss one of his Jewish critics. In a video clip posted on the National Front's website and later removed, Le Pen, 85, lashed out against several of his critics, including the former tennis champion Yannick Noah and the pop star Madonna. When questioned about the French singer Patrick Bruel, who is Jewish and has been critical of the National Front, Le Pen said: "We'll include him in the next batch." In the comment, Le Pen used the French word "fournée," which refers to a batch of bread to be baked, and was interpreted by his critics to be a reference to crematories at Nazi death camps.

The far-right National Front, which campaigns against immigration and the European Union, received more votes than France's mainstream parties in recent elections for seats in the European Parliament and has also become a political force in France's regions. Its leader, Marine Le Pen, who is Jean-Marie Le Pen's daughter, has been seeking to rebrand the party as a mainstream organization, in part by distancing herself from the party's anti-Semitic past. Jean-Marie Le Pen, who has several convictions for inciting racial hatred, has previously described the Nazi gas chambers as a "detail" of history.

On Sunday, Marine Le Pen said that her father had

made a "political error" in making his latest remarks, even as she told *Le Figaro*, the French newspaper, that the "meaning given to his comments is a malicious interpretation." On Monday, Jean-Marie Le Pen appeared to chastise his daughter, saying that several leaders of the National Front had seemed to condone "the phantasmagoria evoked by our enemies."

Other members of the party were more forthright in criticizing Jean-Marie Le Pen. Louis Aliot, the vice president of the party who is also Marine Le Pen's boyfriend, told the French media that if Jean-Marie Le Pen had used the word "fournée," then the comment was "politically stupid" and "dismaying." Jean-Marie Le Pen said his words had been misinterpreted, and had con-

lence against Jews. The community was shaken earlier this month when it emerged that a man raised in France had been accused of an attack at the Jewish Museum in Brussels in May, which resulted in the deaths of four people and which law enforcement officials have said was motivated by anti-Semitism. Last month, two brothers wearing skull-caps who were leaving a



French far-right National Front party leader Marine Le Pen smiles during a meeting at their headquarters in Nanterre, west of Paris. Anti-racism activists vowed Monday to file a criminal complaint against the far-right National Front's founder Jean-Marie Le Pen after he used an apparently anti-Semitic pun about ovens to dismiss one of his Jewish critics.

"It is they who have made a political mistake, not me," Jean-Marie Le Pen told the French broadcaster RMC. The comments threatened to widen an intergenerational rift in the National Front, which has been tugged in one direction by hard-liners on the extreme right like Jean-Marie Le Pen and in a different direction by a newer generation under Marine Le Pen's leadership, which is seeking to give the party a softer image.

tained no anti-Semitic connotation.

"If there are people in my camp that have interpreted it in this way, they are nothing but imbeciles," he told the radio broadcaster France Info.

The outcry over Jean-Marie Le Pen's comments comes amid growing concerns among France's 500,000-strong Jewish community about anti-Semitism, fueled by the rise of the far right as well as by recent episodes of vio-

synagogue in Créteil near Paris were beaten by two unknown men with brass knuckles.

Aline Le Bail-Kremer, a spokeswoman for SOS Racisme, an anti-racism group, on Monday denounced Jean-Marie Le Pen's comments and said that her group would file a criminal complaint against him. "Marine Le Pen calls this a political fault, but this is blatant anti-Semitism and it is scandalous," she said by phone. □

American held in North Korea said to be family man

RICK GLADSTONE

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An Ohio municipal worker seized by the authorities in North Korea while he was visiting on a tourist visa last month was described by his lawyer Monday as an avid traveler, devoted husband and father to three young children, who was anxiously missed by his family.

The detained man, Jeffrey Edward Fowle, 56, from the Dayton suburb of Miamisburg, is the third American known to be held in North Korea. The country's state-run news agency, which first reported he was in custody Friday, said that Fowle had "perpetrated activities that violated the laws of our republic, which did not fit his stated purpose of visiting our republic as a tourist." The agency offered no further explanation.

The written statement distributed by Fowle's lawyer, Timothy N. Tepe of Lebanon, Ohio, was the family's first comment on his detention. There was no mention of Japanese news reports that Fowle had left a Bible in his hotel room, which may have played a role in the North Korean government's decision to detain him, possibly on suspicions that he was a Christian proselytizer.

The statement said Fowle had been "traveling to North Korea on vacation as part of a tour," and that he "loves to travel and loves the adventure of experiencing different cultures and seeing new places."

"Mrs. Fowle and the children miss Jeffrey very much and are anxious for his return home," the statement said.

It also thanked diplomats at the Swedish Embassy, which acts on behalf of the U.S. interests in North Korea, "for their continuing efforts on Jeff's behalf." The United States and North Korea have no diplomatic relations. Tepe declined to answer questions after releasing statement, which asked that the family's "privacy be respected in the days to come." □

Barbados disagrees its currency should be devalued

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados

(AP) — Barbados' government does not support devaluing the Caribbean island's currency and says it is determined to maintain its fixed exchange rate with the U.S. dollar.

The Barbados dollar has been pegged 2-to-1 to the U.S. dollar since the 1970s.

But some analysts believe the currency of the economically struggling country should be devalued. Moody's Investors Service has downgraded the island's government bond rating by two notches from Ba3 to B3, citing "anemic economic growth" and "limited prospects for im-

provement." The Barbados Ministry of Finance conceded that "a number of experts, including some in the ratings agencies," believe devaluation is needed. But in a Saturday statement, the ministry said it is committed to the current exchange rate and "and

will do what needs to be done to protect" the Barbados dollar.

The government says it is seeing signs of renewed economic growth. It says the rating agency's downgrade decision ignored cuts in government spending and improvements in external accounts. □

AP: Connecticut town paying \$450K in civil rights suit

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Associated Press

EAST HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — A Connecticut town has agreed to pay \$450,000 to settle a civil rights lawsuit by Latino residents and adopt what an attorney called some of the nation's strictest limits on immigration enforcement by local police.

East Haven won't keep people detained at the request of immigration authorities unless they have a criminal warrant signed by a judge. The town will no longer hold a person solely for a civil detainer, a request from Immigration and Customs Enforcement to state or local authorities to notify the federal agency before releasing someone so Immigration Customs Enforcement can transfer the person to federal custody.

East Haven police "now has the strongest separation of policing and immigration enforcement of any law enforcement agency in Connecticut and, I believe, in the nation," said Michael Wishnie, a Yale Law School professor who represented the plaintiffs along with students through the school's Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic.

East Haven Mayor Joseph Maturo Jr. said the town did not admit wrongdoing and called the settlement an important step forward. "This agreement ends the threat of protracted litigation, saving taxpayers millions of dollars in legal fees and avoiding the potential risk of a large, adverse monetary judgment," Maturo said. "Perhaps most importantly, this agreement will provide necessary closure to a difficult and painful chapter in our town's history."

Police treatment of Hispanics in East Haven has been under federal scrutiny since 2009, when the U.S. Department of Justice opened a civil rights probe that found a pattern of discrimination and biased policing. □

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Police believe the shootings were an isolated act, not part of a broader conspiracy to target law enforcement, McMahill said. Ammon Bundy, one of Cliven Bundy's sons, said by telephone that the Millers were at his father's ranch for a few days this spring before they were asked to leave by militia members for unspecified "conduct" problems. He called the couple "very radical" and said they "did not align themselves" with the beliefs of other protesters, who thwarted a roundup of Cliven Bundy's cattle by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, which wants to collect more than \$1 million in grazing fees and penalties.

While thousands of people have been to the site over the last couple of months, "Not very many people were asked to leave. I think they may have been the only ones," Ammon Bundy said. On Sunday, the two Las Vegas police officers were having lunch at a pizza buffet in an aging strip mall when the Millers fatally shot them. The attack at a CiCi's Pizza killed officers Alyn Beck, 41, and Igor Soldo, 31, both of whom were husbands and fathers.

According to McMahill, this is how Sunday's events unfolded:

The Millers left a neighbor's apartment where they had



Las Vegas Sheriff Doug Gillespie stands by a board with the pictures of suspects Jerad Miller and Amanda Miller during a news conference Monday, June 9, 2014 in Las Vegas. Two police officers were having lunch at a strip mall pizza buffet when the Millers fatally shot them in a point-blank ambush, then fled to a nearby Wal-Mart where they killed a third person and then themselves in an apparent suicide pact, authorities said.

(AP Photo/John Locher)

been staying around 4:30 a.m. and walked for hours, eventually reaching the strip mall, about five miles (eight kilometers) away. Jerad Miller went briefly into the restaurant, then left and got his wife, leaving their backpacks outside. The two officers were sitting in a booth. Jerad Miller fatally shot Soldo in the back of his head. As his partner tried to react, Miller shot him once in the throat. Amanda Miller then pulled her own gun and both shot Beck several times. Police believe that while the Millers wanted to target police, the choice of Soldo and Beck was random. Pulling the mortally wounded officers from the booth,

they took their guns and ammunition and put a yellow Gadsden flag featuring the phrase "Don't tread on me" and a swastika on Beck's body.

The couple also told restaurant patrons that their act was "the beginning of the revolution," the same message as a note they left at the restaurant. That was what the Millers told customers at a Wal-Mart about a block away, where the couple fled. Jerad Miller fired one round and "told the people to get out and this was a revolution and that the police were on the way."

In the frenzy, shopper Joseph Wilcox told friends he was going to confront

Jerad Miller — not realizing that Amanda Miller was his accomplice. Wilcox went from the checkout area to Miller and pulled his concealed firearm. But before he could fire, Amanda Miller shot him in the ribs and Wilcox collapsed.

"Joseph died trying to protect others," Sheriff Doug Gillespie said.

By now, police had arrived, and two five-officer teams entered the massive store. Near the back, one team confronted the Millers, and exchanged fire. At one point, Jerad Miller tried to blast a rear emergency exit door open with a shotgun, but police had blocked it with a car and he could not escape. □

USD business heads urge action on immigration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the leading U.S. businesses are prodding lawmakers to act on immigration legislation as the issue enters a critical phase in Congress.

In a letter to be released Tuesday, the chief executives of Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Loews Hotels, Tyson Foods, Cargill and a half-dozen other national and regional companies write that without action to overhaul ineffective immigration laws and allow lower-skilled workers into

the country legally, their businesses cannot ensure the workforce they need. "This is indispensable for our businesses, but it's also critical for the nation," the executives write. "Without a workable temporary visa program, the U.S. can have no hope of ending illegal immigration." A copy of the letter was obtained in advance by The Associated Press.

The letter comes as House Republican leaders confront a narrowing window to act on overhauling immigration laws nearly a year

after the Senate passed a bipartisan bill with billions for border security and a path to citizenship for the millions now here illegally. The Senate bill also included a new visa program for lower-skilled workers, like the one sought by the authors of the business letter. They note that there is presently no real way for lower-skilled workers without family in the U.S. to come here legally for year-round employment. "Congress has an obligation to fill this gap," they write.

Many business lobbyists,

advocates and others believe that if Congress does not act before leaving Washington for an annual August recess, there will be no chance of passing immigration legislation this midterm election year, and likely not until a new president has taken office in 2017. They are focused intently on the next month or so as the best and final opportunity to get the issue moving in the House.

Although House Speaker John Boehner has not publicly indicated any plans to bring bills to the floor. □

Christie chief of staff says didn't know about bridge decision

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The chief of staff for Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey testified Monday that he had no knowledge of the decision to close several traffic lanes to the George Washington Bridge in September.

The chief of staff, Kevin O'Dowd, the highest-ranking member of the Christie administration to testify over the scandal before a state legislative committee, also said he believed the assurances of his deputy, Bridget Anne Kelly, that she was not involved, a position later undermined by emails and text messages. "I would like to start my appearance today by making very clear to the committee that I had no prior

knowledge of, or played no role in, the decision to close the lanes at the bridge last September," O'Dowd said. He said that by early December, the unfolding scandal had become a "major distraction." Christie had long maintained that no one in his administration was involved, but there were continuing reports that the lanes were closed as an act of political retribution. On Monday, O'Dowd testified that the governor asked him Dec. 12 to find out if Kelly was involved. O'Dowd said the governor's direction seemed "logical," given that Kelly was a member of the administration's office responsible for maintaining relationships with local leaders.



Kevin O'Dowd, the chief of staff for Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, speaks to a committee established to investigate the closure of several traffic lanes at the George Washington Bridge last September, in Trenton, N.J., June 9, 2014. O'Dowd testified on Monday that he had no knowledge of the decision, despite continuing reports that the lanes were closed as an act of political retribution.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

Kelly's response was unequivocal, according to O'Dowd. "Absolutely not,"

he said she told him. On the same day, O'Dowd was dispatched by the governor to tell Bill Baroni, Christie's chief representative at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, that he would have to step down from his post imme-

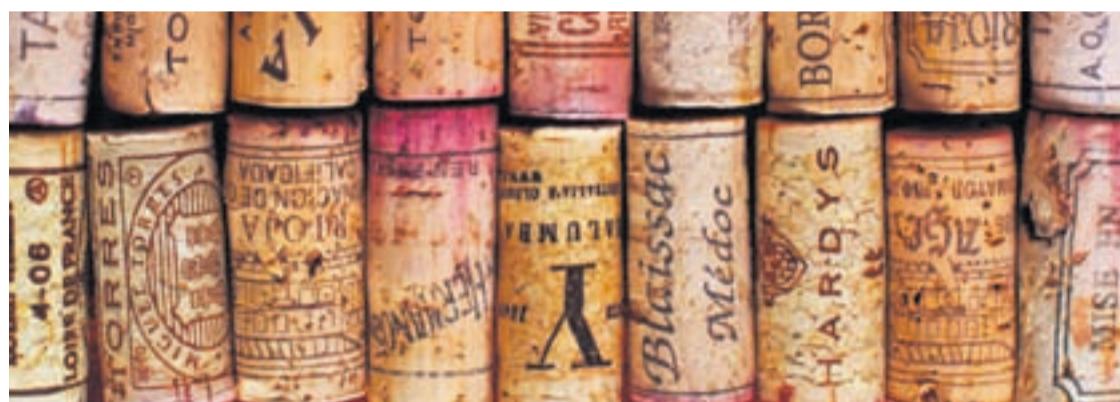
dately.

O'Dowd said he could not recall exactly why the dismissal had to play out so quickly, but said, "it is very logical" that the governor "would have mentioned the lane closures as part of the equation."

Still, despite the amount of time and energy the administration was devoting to the fallout from the lane closings, O'Dowd did not press either Kelly or Baroni on the subject.

O'Dowd accepted Baroni's explanation, he said, that closing traffic lanes onto the bridge for four days was for a "traffic study." The closings resulted in gridlock in Fort Lee, New Jersey, during the first day of school and the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

He also did not question Kelly, describing her as "hardworking, energetic, loyal - someone I believed and trusted." □



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Muslim driver fights U.S. city's taxi wardrobe rules

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Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — An Islamic cab driver in St. Louis is challenging the regional taxi commission's wardrobe rules in court after receiving dozens of tickets for wearing traditional religious clothing.

Raja Naeem, 50, is a native of Pakistan who immigrated to the United States two decades ago and now lives in the St. Louis suburb of Manchester. He says his religious beliefs require him to wear a traditional head covering known as a kufi, a billowy shirt called a kurta and loose-fitting pants rather than the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission's mandated uniform of black slacks and a white, button-down shirt.

He sued the taxi commission in St. Louis Circuit Court, alleging harassment and retaliation based on his religious views — including an arrest at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. On Monday, the two sides squared off in a case Cir-

cuit Judge Robert Dierker Jr. took under advisement without issuing a ruling.

"I want to practice my religion as well as provide for my family," Naeem, a father of four daughters, said in an interview after the hearing.

Attorney Neil Bruntrager, who represents the taxi commission, said the regulatory agency has tried to accommodate Naeem's ideology while still enforcing its wardrobe rules, which he said were created to help passengers clearly identify approved taxi drivers.

Bruntrager noted that the commission offered a compromise that would have allowed Naeem to wear a kurta as long as it was white and didn't extend below thigh length.

The commission agreed that he could wear the kufi on his head but said his pants must be black rather than the white leg coverings Naeem favors in tribute to the prophet Muhammad. □



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Texas woman charged in fatal crash sues GM

DETROIT (AP) — A Texas woman who pleaded guilty to a criminal charge in a 2004 car crash that killed her fiancee is suing General Motors Co.

Candice Anderson is asking a federal judge in Tyler to set aside a \$75,000 settlement in the case. The lawsuit also seeks unspecified punitive and exemplary damages.

Anderson was driving a 2004 Saturn Ion in November of 2004 when the car suddenly veered off a road and ran into a tree in Van Zandt County, Texas. Her fiancee, Gene Mikale Erikson, who was 25 at the time, was killed. Anderson, then 21, was severely hurt.

Because there were no skid marks, authorities believed Anderson was at fault and charged her with negligent homicide, according to the lawsuit. Believing she was to blame, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 years of deferred punishment and 260 hours of community service. She also was required to pay for Erikson's funeral and \$3,500 in court costs, according to a spokeswoman for her lawyer, Robert Hilliard.

The lawsuit alleges that a faulty GM ignition switch was the real cause of the crash. It contends the switch slipped out of the run position, knocking out power steering and brakes and disabling the air bags. GM, the lawsuit alleges, knew about the bad switches but failed to disclose the problem even though Anderson was pleading guilty.

"She pled guilty to criminally negligent homicide and spent years wracked with guilt about Mr. Erickson's death," Hilliard said in a statement Monday.

Complaint: Trucker in Morgan crash hadn't slept

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Associated Press

NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey (AP) — A truck driver

accused of triggering a highway crash that injured Tracy Morgan and killed another comedian hadn't slept for more than 24 hours before the accident, authorities said Monday as Morgan recovered in a hospital.

Wal-Mart trucker Kevin Roper is expected to make an initial appearance in state court Wednesday. It was unclear Monday if Roper had retained an attorney. He remained free after posting \$50,000 bond. Authorities said Roper apparently failed to slow for traffic ahead early Saturday and swerved at the last minute to avoid a crash. Instead, they said, his big rig smashed into the back of Morgan's chauffeured limo bus, killing comedian James "Jimmy Mack" McNair and injuring Morgan and three other people. The accident occurred in a chronically congested area



This photo provided by the New Jersey State Police shows Kevin Roper. Roper, a Wal-Mart truck driver from Georgia, was charged with death by auto and four counts of assault by auto in the wake of a deadly chain-reaction crash on the New Jersey Turnpike early Saturday, June 7, 2014, that left actor-comedian Tracy Morgan and two others critically injured and another man dead.

(AP Photo/NJSP)

of the New Jersey Turnpike where a five-year widening project is expected to finish this year. A turnpike authority spokesman said two of three northbound lanes

had been closed about a mile (1.6 kilometers) ahead of the accident for road work, which likely caused the traffic to slow.

Morgan, a former "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" cast member, remained in critical but stable condition Monday. His spokesman, Lewis Kay, said he faces an "arduous" recovery after surgery to repair his broken leg.

Morgan suffered a broken femur, a broken nose and several broken ribs and is expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks, Kay said. Morgan's fiancee was with him at the hospital, he said.

Roper has been charged with death by auto and four counts of assault by auto. Under New Jersey law, a person can be charged with assault by auto if he or she causes injury after knowingly operating a vehicle after being awake for more than 24 hours.

According to the criminal complaint, Roper was operating the truck "without

having slept for a period in excess of 24 hours resulting in a motor vehicle accident." It doesn't specify the basis for that assertion. The limo bus' driver, Tyrone Gale, told ABC News that he was disoriented after it flipped over.

"I climbed around and heard Tracy screaming for help," Gale said. "I climbed up on the body of the limo bus ... but I couldn't reach them."

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. President Bill Simon said the Bentonville, Arkansas-based company "will take full responsibility" if authorities determine its truck caused the accident.

Morgan, a New York City native, was returning from a standup performance at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Delaware when the crash occurred. Six vehicles were involved in the pileup, but no one from the other cars was injured.

McNair was a close friend and mentor to Morgan, Morgan's ex-wife told the New York Daily News.

Pursuit suspect in custody after armed standoff

TAMI ABDOLLAH

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police

have captured a wanted man who climbed onto rooftops in a Los Angeles neighborhood while armed with a rifle after a freeway chase Monday, and then barricaded himself in a home for several hours. The incident prompted authorities to shut down nearby freeway on-ramps, lock down schools and evacuate at least one as police waited him out, authorities said. Five hours after the chase began, Special Weapons and Tactics officers fired a gas into the home, and television reports showed the suspect

walk out with his hands up and lie face-down on the grass in the backyard of a home with his hands behind his head and two dogs nearby. Seven SWAT officers converged to take him into custody.

The officers were continuing to clear the area, and authorities had not yet released his name, Los Angeles police Detective Meghan Aguilar said.

The chase began about 10:15 a.m. when police tried to arrest the 40-year-old man for allegedly making criminal threats several days ago. But he drove off in his red Nissan Altima, leading to a 45-minute high-speed chase along sev-

eral freeways that ended in North Hollywood, police said. The man was dressed in white and carrying what appeared to be an assault-style rifle. He pointed the rifle at his pursuers several times during the chase,

but police were investigating whether he fired it, Cmdr. Andy Smith said. The man walked through several backyards and at one point climbed onto a roof, jumping from one to another, pacing along the spine and stopping to lean on the rifle multiple times, before climbing down and entering a home, police said. He was believed to be alone inside, Smith said.

Several blocks of the area were sealed off, nearby homes evacuated and a SWAT team called in. About a half-dozen schools were locked down. Most schools are out of session for summer, but two campuses had a total of about 135 students who would be picked up by their parents, authorities said.

Shortly before 2 p.m., dozens of students from a nearby private school were evacuated to a park to meet their parents, holding hands, lugging backpacks and walking under a freeway overpass. Police guarded them. All lockdowns were lifted about four hours into the standoff, Smith said.



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Clinton: Benghazi probes 'more of a reason to run'

KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said in an interview airing Monday that she feels emboldened to run for president because of Republican criticism of her handling of the deadly 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Libya.

In an interview with ABC News, Clinton said the Benghazi inquiry from Republicans gives her a greater incentive to run for president because she considers the multiple investigations into the attacks "minor league ball" for a country of the United States' stature. But she said she's still undecided.

"It's more of a reason to run, because I do not believe our great country should be playing minor league ball. We ought to be in the majors," Clinton

said. "I view this as really apart from — even a diversion from — the hard work that the Congress should

be doing about the problems facing our country and the world."

The interview publicized

ing her new book, "Hard Choices," highlighted some of the key lines of criticism Clinton could face



Hillary Clinton, right, speaks to Intertech employees following a tour of Intertech Plastics in Denver. Clinton said in an interview airing Monday that she feels emboldened to run for president because of Republican criticism of her handling of the deadly 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Libya.

(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

if she runs for president in two years: Her record as President Barack Obama's top diplomat and charges by Republicans that she has been insulated from the everyday problems of Americans after more than two decades in public life. In the interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer, Clinton said her family struggled with legal bills and debt when she and her husband left the White House in early 2001. "We came out of the White House not only dead broke, but in debt," Clinton said. "We had no money when we got there, and we struggled to, you know, piece together the resources for mortgages, for houses, for Chelsea's education. You know, it was not easy." Republicans immediately seized on the comment, two years after their presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, was dogged by accusations of being out-of-touch because of his wealth. GOP officials pointed out that Hillary Clinton received an \$8 million book advance for her 2003 memoir and said the comments reflected her insulation from the daily problems of average Americans.

"I think she's been out of touch with average people for a long time," said Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus, pointing to Clinton's estimated \$200,000-per-speech speaking fees and million-dollar book advances. "Whether she was flat broke or not is not the issue. It's tone deaf to average people."

Hillary Clinton's Senate financial disclosure forms, filed for 2000, show assets between \$781,000 and almost \$1.8 million. The forms allow senators to report assets in broad ranges. □

Detroit sends fund manager's goats packing

ALEXANDRA STEVENSON
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A hedge fund manager's plan to help clean up Detroit by letting baby goats graze on public land has come to an abrupt end — or so it seems.

Mark Spitznagel, the founder of the \$6 billion hedge fund Universa Investments, brought 18 goats to graze on public lots in the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit last Thursday as part of a campaign to promote urban farming. But the goats were not well-received by some city officials, who said local laws prohibit animals grazing on city property.

So after a whirlwind 48 hours, Spitznagel's baby goats were back on a truck on Saturday heading out of the neighborhood, destined to be sold to butchers.

But the goats may yet get a reprieve.

A spokesman for Spitznagel, Stefan Prelog, said Monday that Spitznagel had contacted city officials in an attempt to start backroom negotiations to bring the goats back to Brightmoor.

"He has engaged with the mayor's office and a conversation has started," Prelog said.

With the potential discussions, the goats have been taken off the market and put in a holding pasture in Lapeer, Michigan, north of Detroit, Leonard Pollara, a consultant for Spitznagel, said.

Spitznagel's plan, called the Idyll Farms Detroit project, was to bring as many as 60 goats from his farmstead in Northport, Michigan, to help clean up one of Detroit's most devastat-

ed neighborhoods. He and his team planned to enlist the help of the local community — including employing unemployed adults to help herd the goats.

At the end of the summer, the goats would have been sold for meat, the proceeds going back to Brightmoor to help clean up the community.

But Spitznagel and his team failed to seek permission from the mayor's office, and after the head of the city's animal control department visited the site on Friday, the Idyll Farms Detroit team was told to pack up or risk being fined and having the goats seized.

Pollara expressed surprise that the city reacted so swiftly, adding that the team had attended a handful of meetings held by local community asso-

ciations like the Brightmoor Alliance and Neighbors Building Brightmoor, whose members encouraged Spitznagel and his team to go ahead with the plan, he said.

After recent consultations with the Brightmoor community associations, the team decided not to formally seek permission from the mayor's office.

But next time around they will. Pollara — who has called the project a form of "guerrilla farming" — said the team was preparing to submit a formal proposal of the urban farming project to Mayor Mike Duggan.

"We are going to either seek a variance or forbearance and propose to the city that we engage in the same activity but do it with a formal application for a pilot project," Pollara said on Monday. □

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US Financial Front:**Where have all the missing American workers gone?****TOM RAUM****Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. unemployment rate has been on a slow downward trajectory since the Great Recession ended nearly five years ago. While

month before. Job markets have been essentially flat since October.

A key factor, nearly all agree, is the growing exodus from the job market of so-called Baby Boomers who were born roughly in

ing for work and not being successful," said Carl Van Horn, a professor of public policy at Rutgers University who studies workplace dynamics and employment trends.

Recent surveys suggest

There's a flip side to that, though, Van Horn suggests: "As the economy gets stronger, as it continues to grow, eventually some of those discouraged workers will come back into the labor market, and we'll have a higher labor-participation rate." But that hasn't happened — yet.

"We know that the reason unemployment is so high right now is pretty simple: employers haven't seen demand for their stuff pick up in a way that would require them to bring on more workers, put that factory back on line, get more people to work," said Heidi Shierholz, chief economist for the Economic Policy Institute, a labor-oriented Washington think-tank.

"It's going to be this way

for a while. We're in a long slog," Shierholz said, noting that the recession of 2007-2009 was the harshest downturn since the 1930s Great Depression.

It may be quite a while before the jobless rate falls back to 5 percent and below, long the informal standard pegged by economists as a typical employment level for non-recession times. But 5 percent may no longer be the norm. In February 2011, economists at the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank suggested that around 6 percent might be a more appropriate unemployment rate as the "new normal." But some analysts suggested even that target may be unrealistically low. □



Erica L. Groshen, commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the Department of Labor, breaks down the latest employment statistics for the Joint Economic Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. While the overall jobless level has dropped to non-recessionary levels, the number of the working-age people with actual jobs is barely over 6 in 10, hovering at a level reminiscent of the late 1970s.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

the overall jobless level has dropped to non-recession levels, the number of working-age people with jobs has remained flat, and the biggest reason why could be long-term unemployed workers giving up on finding jobs.

In May, the U.S. workforce-participation rate — the combination of those with jobs and unemployed workers actively seeking them — was just 62.8 percent, the same as the

the post-World War II period from 1946 to 1964, and are now at or fast approaching retirement age.

Another reason is that some employment-intensive industries that suffered the most during the recession, especially in manufacturing and construction, have yet to fully rebound.

But perhaps the most significant factor is unemployed workers "who just drop out of the job market after one, two or three years of look-

more and more long-time unemployed workers are abandoning the search for another job and leaving the U.S. workforce.

"And they are disproportionately older workers," Van Horn said. "We have a large number of older (unemployed) workers who are not old enough to retire, yet they are facing discrimination in the workplace and have found it nearly impossible to get another job."

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American Living: Affordable Housing That's Very Costly

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NEW YORK - Abington House, near the High Line in West Chelsea, is a new luxury residential building, and, like a lot of new luxury developments in Manhattan, it's extremely expensive.

The cheapest two-bedroom apartment now listed there rents for \$5,850 a month. That gets you only one bathroom; a two-bed, two-bath can run as high as \$8,695.

But 78 apartments in the building, or 20 percent of

it, so it has no direct fiscal cost at a time when direct subsidy dollars for affordable housing are scarce; and inclusionary zoning produces economic integration, with high- and low-income households living on the same hallways. This is no small thing in Manhattan, where high housing costs - rents rose 19 percent from 2005 to 2012 - are turning it into an island of exclusivity.

On the other hand, the affordable housing units created by inclusionary zoning are extremely expensive.

high rents, so the extremely high implicit subsidies are necessary to make the inclusionary units affordable. New York's inclusionary zoning program is voluntary: Developers agree to set aside 20 percent of the units, and, in exchange, they are permitted to build 33 percent more square feet than is otherwise permitted. But many developers, especially those building small and midsize projects, choose not to participate, partly because the implicit subsidy for the affordable units is so high.

or hopes by imposing this mandate to get both bigger buildings and more affordable units within those buildings. This approach has met resistance, both within New York and elsewhere. In 2009, a California appeals court threw out mandatory inclusionary zoning requirements because they violated the state's law against new rent controls. Gov. Jerry Brown, who championed residential development as mayor of Oakland, has vetoed mandatory inclusionary zoning proposals twice:

affordable housing a cash fund could create, the core insight of his report remains: Inclusionary zoning generates fewer affordable housing units than a cash equivalent because luxury apartments make for an expensive form of affordable housing. There is a recent precedent for a cash-for-density deal with developers. Near the end of his tenure, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg proposed charging office developers \$250 a square foot to build bigger office buildings near Grand Central Terminal, money the city would then have spent on infrastructure improvements. De Blasio is expected to advance a revised version of Bloomberg's plan.

A similar notion could work with residential development, but the difficulty would be turning development-fee proceeds into affordable housing.

Benjamin Dulchin, executive director of the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, says inclusionary zoning is better than a fee because the scarcest resource for affordable housing in New York isn't money - it's land. "Econ 101, money equals land, but not in New York City right now," Dulchin said. If new dollars to subsidize affordable housing end up chasing fixed quantities of land and apartments, that could just drive up rents for middle-income New Yorkers.

Dulchin's analysis assumes that the supply of buildable area in New York City is relatively fixed and that the number of added residential units would necessarily be low. Because of the political barriers to rezoning and rent-stabilization laws that make it difficult to tear down buildings to build taller ones, his assumption may be reasonable.

Efforts to permit more land to be developed or to allow more development on a given piece of land often meet resistance from neighbors, who worry that noise will increase, light will be blocked and parking will become more difficult. □



Abington House, a high-rise in the West Chelsea neighborhood where a fifth of the condominiums are set aside as affordable housing under New York City's inclusionary zoning program. Such zoning laws appeal because developers foot the bill and the mix of high- and low-income homes produces economic integration, but similar practices were struck down by California courts in 2009.

(Bryan Thomas/The New York Times)

the total, are set aside as affordable housing under New York City's "inclusionary zoning" program. That means 19 two-bedroom apartments are priced from \$687 to \$873 - about a 90 percent discount to market rents.

Those apartments were granted to 19 households that make from \$25,612 to \$42,950 a year and won a housing lottery the city held last year.

There are two appealing facts about inclusionary zoning: developers pay for

The subsidy to each family getting an affordable two-bedroom unit at Abington House will be worth nearly \$90,000 a year. That money could cover rent for several families in a middle-income neighborhood in boroughs outside Manhattan, like Sunnyside, Queens.

Inclusionary zoning is especially common in regions with high home prices - like the Northeast and California - and high-price enclaves like Santa Fe, New Mexico. But New York stands out for its extremely

As a result, inclusionary zoning generated fewer than 3,000 new affordable units from 2005 to mid-2013, according to an analysis from Brad Lander, a New York City councilman.

Mayor Bill de Blasio wants to create more affordable units by making inclusionary zoning mandatory: In areas rezoned to allow more density, developers would have to set aside inclusionary units, regardless of whether they used the additional density permitted by the zoning. The may-

once as mayor of Oakland and again, in 2013, as governor.

Nathan Newman, the housing activist behind the group More NYC, offers another suggestion: straight up cash. In a recent report, he argued that the city should drop inclusionary zoning and instead offer developers additional density in exchange for cash payments that the city could use to finance affordable housing programs.

While Newman's report overstates the amount of

Fresh fighting in eastern Ukraine as talks begin



A pro-Russian man tries to remove a Ukrainian national emblem from the gates to the city administration headquarters in Luhansk, Ukraine, Monday June 9, 2014. Ukraine's new president called for pro-Russian rebels in the country's east to lay down their arms and welcomed dialogue with the insurgents, but said he wouldn't negotiate with those he called "gangsters and killers" and struck a defiant tone on the Russian-annexed Crimean Peninsula.

(AP Photo/Igor Golovniov)

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**Associated Press
SLOVYANSK, Ukraine (AP)**

— Government forces traded fire Monday with pro-Russian separatists who control an eastern Ukraine city, after the country's new president announced daily negotiations were underway toward ending the conflict.

Loud booms and shelling were heard in downtown Slovyansk, where at least six buildings bore damage from shelling a day earlier. The city has been an epicenter of a nearly two-month standoff between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russian rebels, who have seized administrative buildings, police stations and border posts across the region.

The clashes come a day after President Petro Poroshenko announced that negotiations had started in Kiev between Ukraine, Russia, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Poroshenko said the meeting focused on strengthening the porous Ukraine-Russia border, and said Ukraine "must cease fire by the end of this week." While he promised the negotiators would meet daily until the crisis was resolved, he did not say whether re-

sults had been achieved on Sunday.

The OSCE, whose rotating presidency is currently held by Switzerland, said Heidi Tagliavini, a Swiss diplomat who has worked on crises in places like Chechnya and Georgia, was its representative in the negotiations. Poroshenko's office said Russia's ambassador to Ukraine and the Ukrainian ambassador to Germany also took part.

On Monday, Ukraine's acting defense minister, Mykhailo Koval, told journalists that Poroshenko was working toward bringing the conflict to an end "in the quickest time period," according to the Interfax news agency.

He did not give a specific date. Russia has repeatedly called for Ukraine to end its operation in the east, while Ukraine has blamed Russia for fomenting tensions in the region and backing the rebels materially.

Fighting resumed Monday in Slovyansk, where residents said at least six buildings — including a petrol station, two shopping centers and two apartment buildings — had been hit by mortars a day earlier. Andriy, a local plainclothes policeman who wouldn't give his last name, was standing with other officers in uniform near the debris.

"Yesterday the center of the city was hit the hardest," he said. "There were a lot of injured people, and a lot of buildings were hit that haven't been hit before." Dozens of cars carrying civilians were seen leaving the city by road, and a bus with a sign in the windshield reading "children" left the city on Monday.

The UN Refugee Agency estimated in late May that at least 10,000 people in Ukraine were internal refugees, a figure that has undoubtedly grown as both Ukrainian and Russian sides dig in. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said Monday that his government was providing aid to Ukrainian refugees within Russia, who he previously estimated to number

about 4,000.

"They will end the shooting only when they erase us from the face of the planet, when nothing remains here but a flat space," said Svetlana, a 52-year-old resident of Sloviansk who would not give her last name. "Only then the war will be finished."

Rebels have held the Ukrainian government responsible for the rising number of civilian casualties in the conflict, while the Kiev leadership says the insurgents have attacked civilians in order to foment resentment against the government.

Government officials say at least 200 people — most of whom were civilians — have been killed in the conflict so far. □

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Syrian soldiers walks past a bus with President Bashar Assad's portrait in Damascus, Syria.
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Syria: President declares amnesty for prisoners

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Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad declared a general amnesty Monday for prisoners in the country, state media reported, less than a week after he was re-elected to another seven-year term amid a bloody civil war.

It was not clear how many — if any — prisoners would be freed by the presidential decree. The government has issued several limited pardons for various offenses since the uprising against Assad began in March 2011 that have largely been seen as an effort to create the image of a compassionate leadership.

The official SANA news agency did not say whether the amnesty announced Monday would apply to the tens of thousands of anti-government activists, protesters, opposition supporters and their relatives that international rights groups say are imprisoned in the country. However, SANA's report suggested the decree would reduce some prisoners' sentences without freeing them. The decree appeared to cover at least some of those who have taken up arms against the government, including foreign fighters, according to SANA. Foreign gunmen will not be prosecuted if they "surrender to the authorities within a month of the issuing of the decree," the

report said. Those behind taking hostages will also be pardoned, SANA said, if they "release their captives safely and without any ransom or hand (the hostages) over to the authorities" within a month. In an interview with The Associated Press, Syrian lawmaker Issam Khalil called the decree "a gift from the president after he was elected for another term." The amnesty includes those who participated in the armed opposition supporters, Khalil said. The government routinely refers to rebels as terrorists. "All those who committed errors against their homeland will benefit," Khalil said. "It will allow them to return to their normal lives." □

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China says will hit officials who sent families abroad

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Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China's anti-graft campaign is now targeting officials who have sent their spouses and children abroad, where they can create channels to potentially funnel illicit gains and establish footholds for eventual escape from the mainland.

Nearly 900, mostly mid-level, government officials in the southern province of Guangdong have been demoted or forced to resign or retire early after being identified as having spouses or offspring with permanent residency or citizenship abroad while they themselves continue to work on the mainland. Because they remain without their families, they are known colloquially as "naked officials" — a term popular with the public because of its mocking tone.

It is the first time a provincial government has taken action against them.

The move signals a new approach in President Xi Jinping's anti-corruption campaign that takes aim at a phenomenon in Chinese politics that has hindered the Communist Party's efforts to curb the flight of crooked officials and their ill-gotten assets.

"The perception among the Chinese public is that these officials use their positions for their personal gains, then they send their families away and when the time comes, they are going to

bail," said Dali Yang, a China expert at the University of Chicago.

Guangdong authorities said they found more than 1,000 such officials, among whom about a fifth had promised to try to get their families to return to China. Though it's up for debate, the general definition of "naked officials" excludes officials whose children are only studying abroad but not holding foreign residency or passports — allowing the sons and daughters of top leaders to pursue expensive college degrees at top overseas universities.

Political analysts and state media reports said that with its proximity to semi-autonomous Hong Kong and its links to overseas Chinese communities around the world, Guangdong was the natural place for such efforts to be launched.

But the problem is by no means unique to Guangdong. In 2012, Wang Guoqiang, the former Communist Party boss of the small northeastern Chinese city of Fengcheng, fled China to join his daughter in the United States. With him, Wang brought his wife and a rumored 200 million yuan (\$30 million) in illicit funds, according to state media reports. Months later, authorities in Liaoning province said they had launched an investigation into Wang for accepting bribes and violating party regulations on traveling overseas without permission. □

Mexico City joins in ban of use of animals in circuses

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico City has become the latest place in Mexico to ban the use of animals in circuses. The city council voted overwhelmingly for the prohibition, which carries fines of \$45,000 to \$60,000.

The law that passed Monday does not apply to water shows with dolphins or bull fighting nor does it prohibit the use of animals in Mexico's traditional rodeos, known as "charreadas."

Circuses will be given one year to change their acts. Several states and cities in Mexico had previously approved such bans, which allow acrobats, clowns and other circus acts to continue.

Circuses argue their animals are treated humanely and say some actually enjoy performing. But animal rights activists argue the animals are often held in confined spaces with poor conditions and are forced into performing. □

Cuba: 8 arrested in school exams cheating scandal

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Eight people are under arrest in connection with a scandal involving the illicit sale of university entrance exams, Cuban authorities said Monday, days after thousands of high school students were forced to re-take the test.

The unnamed suspects include five teachers, a methodologist, an employee at the Ministry of Higher Education's printer's office and a person not linked to the education sector. There was no word on possible criminal charges, but prosecutors were collecting evidence to present to the courts.

"It has been confirmed ... that the leaked materials were unscrupulously commercialized by the five teachers implicated, some of whom sold the exams while others reviewed the content with the students, charging for the service," Monday's announcement said.

The investigation into the scandal has been a fixture in state media for weeks, and the announcement called it a "matter of great sensitivity."

In a signal of how seriously officials are taking the case, the message was signed by three Cabinet ministries including Interior — the arm of government that oversees policing and state security.

Education, which is universal and free including the university level, is considered sacrosanct as one of the "pillars" of Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution.

However stories of teachers selling grades to augment their meager salaries are relatively common, if not widely publicized. There have also been past incidents of final exams leaking out prior to the test day. But this is the first time authorities have made such a fuss about it — apparently in hopes of discouraging others by making an object lesson of the suspects. □

Egypt:

Sexual assault on student sparks outrage

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CAIRO (AP) — A string of sexual assaults on women during celebrations of Egypt's presidential inauguration — including a mass attack on a 19-year-old student who was stripped in Cairo's Tahrir Square — prompted outrage Monday as a video emerged purportedly showing the teenager, bloodied and naked, surrounded by dozens of men.

Seven men were arrested in connection with the assault and police were investigating 27 other complaints of sexual harassment against women during Sunday's rallies by tens of thousands of people celebrating Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's inauguration late into the night, security officials said.

Sexual violence has increasingly plagued large gatherings during the past three years of turmoil following the 2011 uprising that ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak, and women's groups complained Monday that tough new laws have not done enough. Twenty-nine women's rights groups released a joint statement accusing the government of failing to do enough to address the spiraling outbreak of mob attacks on women. The groups said they had documented more than 250 cases of "mass sexual rape and mass sexual assaults" from November 2012 to January 2014.

"Combatting that phenomena requires a comprehensive national strategy," said the statement signed by the women's groups.

Last week, authorities issued a decree declaring sexual harassment a crime punishable by up to five years in prison. The decree amended Egypt's current laws on abuse, which did not criminalize sexual harassment and only vaguely referred to such offenses as "indecent assault."

Sexual harassment has

been one of Egypt's enduring social ills, embedded in the country's patriarchal conservative culture, where women are seen as inferior to men. Movies

rocity and in number in the three years since Mubarak's ouster, with Tahrir square, birthplace of the 2011 uprising, the site of multiple sexual attacks on women

escort her out of Tahrir. The video appeared authentic and was consistent with AP reporting of the incident. Seven men were arrested in connection with the at-



This combination of two photos shows graffiti of a woman with the words "no harassment," in Arabic, taken on June 23, 2012, left, and the addition on Nov. 6, 2012 of a stick figure touching her backside, under a bridge in the upscale Zamalek neighborhood in Cairo, Egypt. Egyptian police on Monday, June 9, 2014 arrested seven men for sexually assaulting a 19-year-old student during celebrations marking the inauguration of the country's new president in Cairo's central Tahrir Square the day before, security officials said.

(AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

often portray women as sex objects, leaving them vulnerable to men who feel empowered by the absence of a strong legal deterrent.

Sexual assaults have increased dramatically in fe-

mid the large crowds. In the latest incident, video footage posted on social media purportedly shows the student completely naked amid a crowd of men, parts of her body bloodied as policemen struggled to

tack on the student, who was hospitalized, said the officials. They did not elaborate on her condition and spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. □

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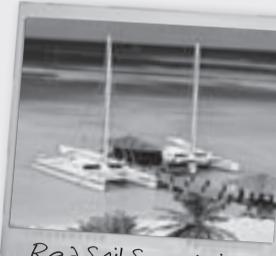
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Vice President's corruption case tests Argentina's courts

MICHAEL WARREN

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's judicial independence was put to the test Monday as the vice president tried to set the terms for his long-awaited testimony in a criminal corruption probe.

Amado Boudou is accused of using shell companies and secret middlemen to gain control of the company that was given contracts to print the nation's currency and campaign material for the ticket he shared with President Cristina Fernandez.

Boudou has always denied involvement despite ample evidence linking him to other defendants that was made public through investigative reports by Argentina's newspapers.

The government tried to use its influence in the judiciary to derail the case. The original prosecutor and judge were removed from the case, and an attorney general who approved a search warrant for the vice president's apartment was forced to resign.

Now Boudou's day in court has finally come. Federal judge Ariel Lijo has ordered the vice president to answer questions in a closed-door court session. It's the first time since Argentina restored its democracy in 1983 that a sitting vice president has been ordered to answer criminal allegations.

"I'm going to tell the truth. I'm going to respond the questions and clarify them," Boudou told reporters on Monday.

Boudou waved his fingers in a "V" for victory sign and blew a kiss to a flag-waving crowd of government supporters from the courthouse steps, but television cameras showed

that once inside, he was greeted by shouts of "thief, thief" by several people in the hallway.

Days earlier, the judge rejected Boudou's request to broadcast his testimony on live television, saying it would violate investigative secrecy laws aimed at preventing other witnesses from changing their stories to fit what a defendant says.

Lijo cited Argentina's constitution, which says all citizens are equal under the law and that "there are no exceptions for royalty."

But in another test of the nation's separation of powers, Boudou's lawyers informed the judge Monday that they would make their own audiovisual record anyway, and bring their own stenographer as well. Boudou has said he doesn't trust the judge, accusing him of selectively leaking damaging information to the media.

"In an attempt to avoid delays and not alter the court's organization, the judge is advised that an audiovisual record will be made," Boudou's attorney Diego Piota wrote.

The judge forbade the vice president's camera crew and stenographer from entering, and rejected a defense motion to delay the hearing, according to the Diarios y Noticias news agency and other local media.

After hearing from Boudou and other defendants and witnesses this week, the judge must decide whether to formally charge the vice president or dismiss the case. If tried and convicted of taking actions incompatible with his office, Boudou faces a sentence of one to six years in prison and a lifetime ban from public office.



Argentina's Vice President Amado Boudou, center, flashes a V-sign before entering a federal court in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, June 9, 2014. Federal Judge Ariel Lijo ruled there is enough evidence to merit formally questioning Boudou to answer allegations that he abused his power to gain control of the company that prints the nation's currency.

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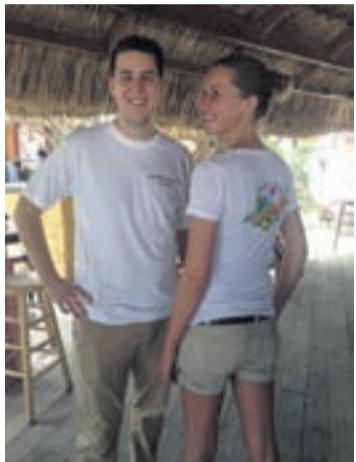
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Marketing efforts of the Gold Coast residential community were also enhanced with the recent launch of a brand new website: www.arubarentalsvacation.com. Functionalities of this new web-

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In this March 1, 2001 file photo, Six-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer Amy Van Dyken, right, and Denver Broncos punter Tom Rouen pose before going into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame dinner in Denver.

Associated Press

Olympic star Van Dyken severs spine in accident

JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP) — Six-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer Amy Van Dyken severed her spine in an all-terrain vehicle accident over the weekend, and told emergency workers she could not move her toes or feel anything touching her legs. The 41-year-old swimmer, who goes by her married name Van Dyken Rouen, was injured Friday. She was airlifted to a hospital and had surgery to stabilize her spine.

Hospital spokeswoman Alice Giedraitis didn't provide details Monday on Rouen's injuries. She said the swimmer was in good condition.

A letter from the Van Dyken and Rouen families said she severed her spinal cord at the T11 vertebrae and that the broken vertebrae came within millimeters of rupturing her aorta.

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KING'S RANSOM



Hernandez Ks 15 before M's break through

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays Sunday, June 8, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Mariners won 5-0.
Associated Press

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Spieth shows impatience of youth, wants major now

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

PINEHURST, North Carolina (AP) — Talk about the impatience of youth. For 20-year-old Jordan Spieth, it's no longer good enough to be in contention for a major championship. He's ready to win one.

Spieth was tied for the 54-hole lead at both the Masters and The Players Championship, the two biggest events on the schedule so far, but he couldn't hold it together on Sunday.

Now, he comes to the U.S. Open fully convinced that if he's in the same position, he'll be the one raising the trophy at the end.

"I believe that I can win this golf tournament," Spieth said Monday after a practice round at Pinehurst No. 2. "I feel comfortable on this golf course. I think it fits my game. And when I step on the first tee, that's what I'm trying to do."

Spieth already became the first teenage winner on the PGA Tour since the Great Depression, having captured the John Deere Classic at age 19.

If the Texan can conquer Pinehurst this week, he'd be the youngest ma-



Jordan Spieth talks to the media during a news conference for U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., Monday, June 9, 2014.

ior champion since Tom Creavy at the 1931 PGA Championship.

"I've contended now," Spieth said. "If I can get into that position, the goal isn't just to feel the feelings and try to get the comfort level. Now, it's to really try and put into place what Augusta as well as The Players have taught me.

"I feel like," he added confidently, "I will be able to close this one out if I get an

opportunity."

The U.S. Open is usually the toughest test among the majors, requiring a player to accept that par is a good score on most holes, that bogey isn't necessarily a bad result. This is a tournament where you put away the ego, save those spectacular shots for another week, and know that the player who emerges as the champion will most likely be the one who makes the

fewest mistakes.

Those traits usually require experience. Then again, Spieth has proven to have a very short learning curve. He has already played in the Presidents Cup. He has already climbed to No. 10 in the world rankings. He already sounds like a seasoned pro when he talks about Pinehurst.

"It's really hard to hit the greens," Spieth said. "You know that going in, and you

understand that it's about where you're leaving it and where you're pitching the ball and the approach shots. It still doesn't necessarily help. It's still extremely difficult."

At Augusta National, Spieth had a win in his sights when he walked off the seventh green with a two-stroke lead on Sunday.

Then, his inexperience suddenly showed. What he thought was a perfect wedge on No. 8 came up 25 feet short of the flag, leading to a three-putt bogey. The approach at No. 9 rolled back off the front of the green, leading to another bogey.

Bubba Watson birdied both holes, turning a two-shot deficit into a two-stroke lead. He was never seriously challenged on the back side, cruising to a three-stroke win over Spieth and Jonas Blixt.

Spieth talked about the need for a "little bit of course knowledge" — certainly understandable for a Masters rookie. He was in contention again at the Players, generally considered the most important event among the non-majors. □

Van Dyken

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A report by the Show Low Police Department said the ATV that Rouen was driving hit a curb in a restaurant parking lot and sent her over a drop-off between 1.5 to 2 meters.

Rouen was found lying on the ground next to the ATV. She was strapped to a backboard and airlifted to Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center. A witness said he saw Rouen launch over the curb and found her unresponsive when he arrived on the scene, the report said. Rouen was not wearing a helmet at the time.

Her husband, former Denver Broncos punter Tom Rouen, told police officers he had changed the throttle mechanism on the ATV from a thumb accelerator to a twist accelerator a few days before the acci-



In this July 26, 1996 file photo, Amy Van Dyken of the United States celebrates after winning the gold medal in the women's 50 meter freestyle at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Associated Press

dent, though wasn't sure if it was a factor in the accident.

He said his wife had not been drinking alcohol that evening.

Rouen starred at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, where

she became the first U.S. female athlete to win four gold medals in a single games. She captured the 50-meter freestyle and 100 butterfly and also competed on the winning relay teams in the 400 free and

400 medley.

Four years later at Sydney, she added two more golds in the 400 free and 400 medley relays before retiring from competition.

In 2003, she was among numerous prominent ath-

letes who testified before a grand jury investigating the BALCO doping scandal. Rouen never tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs during her career.

"The USA Swimming family is devastated to learn of Amy Van Dyken's unfortunate accident this weekend," the organization said in a statement. "We're happy to hear that she escaped and is now in great care. That she is already 'acting like her typical spunky, boisterous, ebullient self' shows she's on a great path."

"Amy is a champion who has proven throughout her life that she is a fighter who takes on challenges and comes out on top. We know Amy will tackle her rehabilitation with vigor and be back on her feet sooner rather than later," it said. □

Sluman and Funk win Legends of Golf

RIDGEADE, Minnesota (AP)

— Jeff Sluman and Fred Funk teamed to win the Champions Tour's Legends of Golf on Sunday, and Jim Colbert and Jim Thorpe topped the Legends Division for players 65 and older.

Sluman and Funk finished with a 6-under 48 at rainy Top of the Rock, the first par-3 course used in a PGA Tour-sanctioned event, to beat Jay Haas and Peter Jacobsen by a stroke.

Sluman holed a 6-foot par putt for the victory on the final hole.

"For some reason I've always done well in these team-type events," Sluman said. "I don't know what it is."

The winners finished at 20-under 159. They opened with an 11-under 61 in better-ball play on the regulation Buffalo Ridge course and had a 50 on Saturday on the par-3 layout.

Sluman also won last year, teaming with Brad Faxon in Savannah, Georgia.

"Maybe I've got a good eye for partners," Sluman said. Funk was quick to return the compliment.

"He's the common denominator," Funk said.

Sluman won for the sixth time on the Champions Tour, and Funk for the ninth. Haas and Jacobsen, the second-round leaders, shot 50. Haas missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole of the day.

"I'm disappointed because I hit a beautiful iron in there and it was as easy a putt as you can get, straight up the hill, and I just pulled it a little bit," Haas said. "We're mixed emotions right now. We're very happy to have finished second, but we had an opportunity. You just don't get that many, so it's nice to take advantage of them when you do."

Sluman and Funk had a

1-under 26 in the opening alternate-shot nine and closed with a 5-under 22 in the best-ball nine.

"It seemed like they kept hitting it to three feet. The first five or six holes they hit it to three feet and made birdie," Jacobsen said. "You're not going to get more clutch than those two guys."

Craig Stadler and Kirk Triplett closed with a 52 to finish third at 14 under, the Kentucky duo of Russ Cochran and Kenny Perry was 13 under after a 49.

In the nine-hole Legends finale, Colbert and Thorpe had a 4-under 23 in better-ball play for a three-stroke victory over Bruce Fleisher and Larry Nelson. Colbert and Thorpe finished at 11 under for 45 holes.

Colbert won the then-Demaret Division for players 70 and older, teaming with Bob Murphy.

"I couldn't ask for a better



Fred Funk, left, and Jeff Sluman pose with the trophy after winning the Legends of Golf.

Chris Condon / US PGA TOUR

partner because I know he's a fighter," Thorpe said. "This guy's got so much fire, so much fight in him."

Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player were fifth at 5 under. "I think Gary played reasonably well. I didn't," Nicklaus said. "I got worn out yesterday and I didn't play very well and I played very poorly today. I don't think we played particularly well in total. We felt like we could both play better than

that, but we just didn't." Sluman and Funk each earned \$230,000, and Colbert and Thorpe got \$60,000 each.

"The tournament was a lot of fun," Funk said. "It was just a real treat. It turned out to be really fun and a real treat to play this par 3. And it is a little nerve-wracking, like yesterday, with the alternate shot because it just seems to put more pressure on you."

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Mariners beat Rays 5-0 with 5-run 9th inning

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida

(AP) — Felix Hernandez struck out a career-high 15 in seven innings before Endy Chavez keyed a five-run ninth with a tiebreaking RBI single, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 5-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

James Jones had a two-run triple for the Mariners, who have won seven of eight.

King Felix scattered four hits over seven innings.

After Brad Miller hit a two-out triple and Willie Bloomquist walked against Grant Balfour (0-2), the left-handed hitting Chavez slapped a two-strike single to left for a 1-0 lead. Jones had his triple before Kyle Seager added a two-run double.

Yoervis Medina (3-1) threw a scoreless eighth for the win.

ROYALS 2, YANKEES 1

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — James Shields kept making critical pitches to escape trouble, Lorenzo Cain and Mike Moustakas drove in runs and the Royals squeaked out a win over the Yankees.

The Royals have won the last seven games that



Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz looks up as he crosses home plate after his three-run home run during the ninth inning off Detroit Tigers relief pitcher Joba Chamberlain in a baseball game in Detroit, Sunday, June 8, 2014.

Shields (7-3) has started, and he's earned the win in four of those. The veteran right-hander lasted six innings in his latest effort, giving up six hits to the punchless Yankees but only allowing only one unearned run. The Royals scored both of their runs off Hiroki Kuroda (4-4) in the second inning. Aaron Crow escaped a jam in the seventh inning, and Wade Davis recorded the 500th strikeout of his career during a perfect

eighth before Greg Holland survived a shaky ninth for his 18th save.

ASTROS 14, TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Chris Carter and Jon Singleton hit their first career grand slams to power the Astros to a victory over the Twins. Carter's slam in the seventh inning sailed over the limestone overhang in right field and gave Houston a 9-3 lead. Singleton lined a fastball off Glen Perkins over the right-field wall that

made it 14-5 in the ninth.

The only other time two Astros players hit grand slams in the same game was July 30, 1969, at New York when Denis Menke and Jimmy Wynn both hit slams in an 11-run ninth inning against the Mets.

Dexter Fowler and George Springer also homered for the Astros.

Darin Downs (1-0) got the last eight outs as the third reliever to follow starter Colin McHugh, who fanned six and allowed one run over 4 1/3 innings.

Houston batted around in the fourth inning, scoring three runs after Samuel Deduno (2-4) loaded the bases with nobody out by walking two batters and hitting another.

INDIANS 3, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Lonnie Chisenhall had two hits and scored twice and Indians starter Justin Masterson picked up his first road win of the season.

Adrian Beltre and Alex Rios had two hits each for the injury-riddled Rangers, who learned before the game they will be without first baseman Mitch Moreland for three months. Moreland needs surgery on his ailing left ankle.

Masterson (4-4) gave up five hits and two runs in 5 2-3.

Left-hander Joe Saunders (0-2) is winless in four starts for Texas after allowing

Red Bulls break drought at New England

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP)

— Midfielder Eric Alexander scored his first goal of the season and the New York Red Bulls earned a rare 2-0 victory at the New England Revolution on Sunday in their final matches before Major League Soccer's two-week World Cup break.

The Red Bulls had not won at New England in 17 attempts, but that looked set to change after Alexander headed in a cross in the 17th minute from the left wing by Lloyd Sam after Revolution goalie Bobby Shuttleworth was knocked to the turf in the scramble.

Peguy Luyindula made sure of the drought-break-

ing win, scoring his third goal of the season in the 76th minute with a right-footed shot from atop the penalty box, spoiling New England's season-best crowd of 23,950. The Red

Bulls improved to 18 points and sit in fifth place in the Eastern conference, while New England remained atop of the conference on 23 points despite falling to its second straight loss.

Erick Torres gave Chivas USA an early lead and Gyasi Zardes pulled the Los Angeles Galaxy even before halftime, as the Southern California rivals played out a 1-1 draw.

Torres scored his ninth goal of the season in the 20th

minute, finishing a defense-splitting pass from Leandro Barrera, as Chivas took its first lead in the SuperClasico series since May 2012, its last victory, a span of six matches.

The goal was his 16th since he joined Chivas last July, giving him a share of the MLS record for Mexican-born players with former Chicago Fire star Cuauhtemoc Blanco.

The Galaxy nearly drew level seven minutes later, but Chivas goalkeeper Dan Kennedy pushed Landon Donovan's chip off the right post, then leaped across his goalmouth to snag Marcelo Sarvas' header on the rebound.□

seven hits and three runs — two earned — with four walks in 5 1-3 innings.

ANGELS 4, WHITE SOX 2

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — C.J. Wilson bounced back strongly from his shortest outing of the season, taking a three-hit shutout into the eighth inning, and Josh Hamilton drove in three runs to lead the Angels over the White Sox. Wilson (7-5) was charged with one run over 7 1-3 innings and struck out six. Ernesto Frieri got three outs for his 10th save.

Jose Quintana (3-6) allowed four runs, seven hits and four walks through 4 1-3 innings and struck out four.

CARDINALS 5, BLUE JAYS 0

TORONTO (AP) — Jaime Garcia and two relievers combined on a three-hitter, Matt Carpenter and Jhonny Peralta homered, and the Cardinals beat the Blue Jays.

Garcia (2-0) allowed three hits in seven innings, walked three and struck out four to win for the first time in three starts.

Pat Neshek worked the eighth and Trevor Rosenthal finished for the Cardinals, who have a Major League-high 12 shutouts this season. Texas entered Sunday with 11.

St. Louis won back-to-back games for the first time since May 24 and 25 against Cincinnati.

Drew Hutchison (4-4) allowed five runs and six hits in three innings, his shortest start of the season. He walked one and struck out one.

REDS 4, PHILLIES 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Homer Bailey hit a two-run single and pitched eight effective innings to lead Cincinnati to the win.

Billy Hamilton added a two-run homer for the Reds, who won their second straight against the reeling Phillies after a three-game losing streak.

Bailey (7-3) allowed six hits and one run while matching his season high in innings and picking up his first career win in five decisions over 10 games against Philadelphia.□



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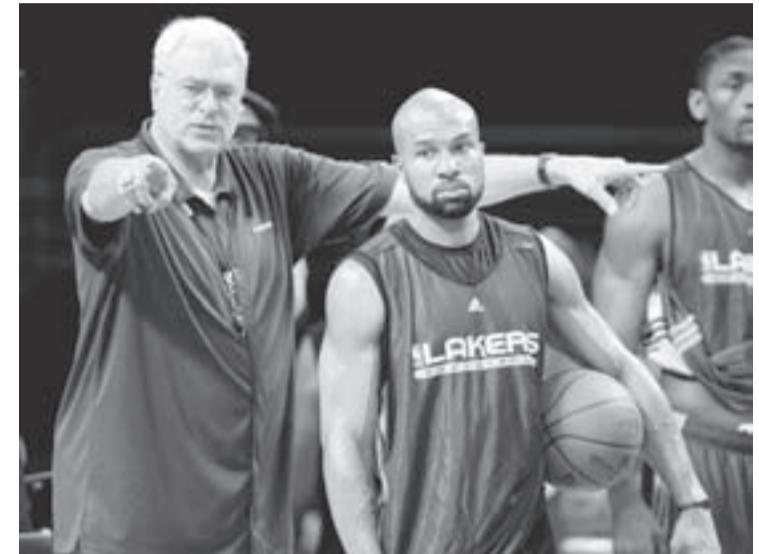
NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Knicks have scheduled a news conference for Tuesday morning, amid reports that Derek Fisher has agreed to become the team's new coach. The Knicks did not confirm the reports, other than saying they were planning a "major announcement."

Several media outlets cited unnamed sources saying the longtime NBA guard agreed to terms with the Knicks on a deal that was still being finalized.

The 39-year-old Fisher just completed his 18th season, finishing his career with the Oklahoma City

Thunder. He played under Knicks President Phil Jackson with the Los Angeles Lakers, and helped that franchise win five NBA titles. □

In this file photo from June 16, 2010, then Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson, left, directs Derek Fisher during NBA basketball practice in Los Angeles. Associated Press



Silver: NBA's fight with Sterling almost over

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Donald Sterling hasn't quite given up the fight, but Adam Silver thinks the time is coming.

"While I understand his frustration, I think it's over," Silver said Sunday.

The NBA commissioner said Sterling still hasn't signed off on the sale of the Los Angeles Clippers, or agreed to drop his lawsuit against Silver or the NBA. But Silver believes he ultimately will, because Shelly Sterling's agreement with the league covers the NBA's legal responsibilities in case of a suit.

"So in essence, Donald is suing himself and he knows that," Silver said.

Silver also said before Game 2 of the NBA Finals that there is "absolutely no possibility" of rescinding the lifetime ban or \$2.5 million fine he handed down to Sterling following his racist remarks.

Silver said he spoke with Sterling shortly after delivering his punishments and found him to be "disastrous" but "not remorseful at that time."

Sterling's attorneys had eventually indicated to the league that he would drop his fight and work with his

estranged wife to finish off the record \$2 billion sale to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer. Sterling may be changing his mind now, but Silver doesn't seem concerned.

"I think it's just a matter of time now, and then we will move on to better topics

half, and Heat star LeBron James left the game with about 4 minutes left after battling cramps. Silver said he is satisfied the problem has been fixed and that the situation was handled as best as possible after the circuit breaker failed just before the

nicating with league and arena officials.

"I would say that it's certainly not one of my prouder moments in my short tenure as commissioner so far, but it's the nature of this game. There always are going to be human and mechanical errors and it's

1, and both men have said they proud of the way the transition was handled. Silver was designated as Stern's successor in October 2012, when Stern announced his plans to retire as commissioner. But Silver had already been taking on more responsibilities by then, serving as the league's lead negotiator during the lockout in 2011, and Stern repeatedly said he was confident Silver was the man to take the NBA to new heights.

But Silver probably couldn't have imagined some of the things he would face so soon.

"It's the early days. I've done the best I could," Silver said.

He has been widely praised for his response to Sterling's remarks, though said Sunday in hindsight he wishes perhaps the NBA could have done more sooner after previous allegations of racist behavior by Sterling.

However, something is being done now.

"I take very seriously the fact that he has a pending lawsuit against the league. So I want to make sure that's resolved before we say this is behind us, but I have absolute confidence it will be," Silver said. □



NBA Commissioner Adam Silver speaks during a news conference before Game 2 of the NBA basketball finals between the San Antonio Spurs and the Miami Heat on Sunday, June 8, 2014, in San Antonio.

and back to the finals," Silver said.

The dominant topic at the finals thus far has been the air conditioning failure in Game 1. Temperatures in the arena rose to about 90 degrees in the second

game, leaving no time for repair.

"In hindsight it wasn't handled perfectly, but they'd never been confronted with that issue before," said Silver, who was at the game and commu-

unfortunate."

With the Sterling situation, and the rocky first finals game of his tenure, Silver has had some difficult moments during his first four months on the job. He replaced David Stern on Feb.

Heat know Spurs will be inspired in Game 3

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade thinks there's no one better than the Miami Heat at dealing with the mental challenge of the playoffs. In his eyes, only one other team might compare.

He's talking about the San Antonio Spurs.

That's why Wade believes these NBA Finals are just getting started.

When he looks at the Spurs, he sees qualities his own team has, including an ability to break down a loss and quickly correct things. It's what Miami did before Game 2 of the finals and it's what Wade expects the Spurs to do before the title series resumes with Game 3 in Miami on Tuesday night.

"You never put them away," Wade said. "I think they always believe and it's the same with us. You can't, you won't, put us away because we're always going to believe. That's why this is a perfect, different animal, kind of series. They're the other team like us. They

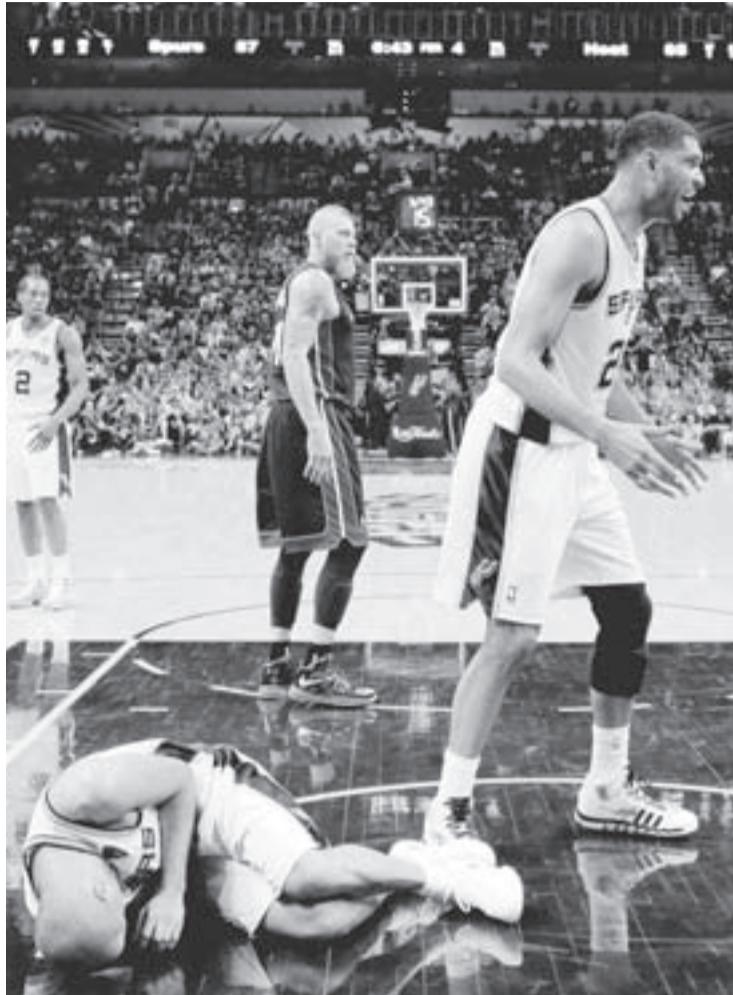
don't lose much and when they do they come back and be better in the next game. So we've got to come out and do the same thing."

That would explain why on Monday, instead of a day off, the Heat gathered to watch video of Game 2.

By winning in San Antonio to even the finals at 1-1, home-court advantage now belongs to the Heat. But no one in their locker room thinks it's going to get easy now.

"They came out great. They played a great game," Spurs guard Tony Parker said after Miami's 98-96 win in Game 2, the 13th straight time the Heat immediately followed a postseason loss with a victory. "Now it's our turn to go over there and get one. We played pretty well all season long on the road and so we're going to have two great opportunities to try to come up with a win."

Miami has won a franchise-record 11 straight postseason games at home.



San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker, left, goes down after being fouled as Tim Duncan, right, reacts against the Miami Heat during the second half in Game 2 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 8, 2014, in San Antonio. Miami won 98-96.

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The last team to win a playoff game in Miami was the Spurs, winning

Game 1 of last season's finals.

"We are in a tough situation because we've got to go to Miami and we've got to get one," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "We don't want to come back here 3-1 down. It's very hard to overcome that. Definitely going to be a great challenge for the team to play in an arena like that and having to win."

A challenge, sure, but it's one Heat coach Erik Spoelstra knows the Spurs can handle.

"Coming back here there has to be an incredible sense of focus and urgency," Spoelstra said Monday. "They're a veteran, poised, championship-level team that's been through a lot. The crowd won't affect them much."

Neither team thought it played all that well in the game that it won so far in these finals.

The Spurs turned the ball over too much for their liking in Game 1 — the game that will be remem-

bered for the air conditioning malfunction and cramps inside a steamy building forcing LeBron James to leave in the final minutes. In Game 2, the Heat weren't thrilled with a slow start and how they spent much of the game playing from behind.

When James got rolling in the third quarter, things started swinging Miami's way in Game 2. When he found Chris Bosh for the 3-pointer that put Miami ahead for good with 1:18 left, it was just another example of the four-time MVP setting a teammate up for a big play.

"I'm going to make the right play," said James, who signaled to Bosh about what he wanted on that play. "To have that trust from my teammates, they know when I've got the ball, I'm going to make the right play. Doesn't mean it's going to go in. Doesn't mean it's going to result in a win, but they believe in my ability."

The pressure, if Miami had not found a way to win in the final moments of Game 2, would have been enormous on the two-time defending champions.

Now, it seems to have shifted to the Spurs.

"It doesn't matter what we've been through before," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said. "We're here now again."

The last time these teams met in Miami at this time of year, the Heat wound up spraying champagne in their locker room.

It's tempting, Bosh acknowledged, to think that all Miami needs to do for a third straight championship is stay unbeaten at home.

But Bosh won't let himself go there.

"I can only think about Game 3," Bosh said. "We've played well at home this postseason. I think we feel we have an advantage now. We have to make sure that we play well and keep it that way." □

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Auto industry gets serious about lighter materials

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AP Auto Writer

DEARBORN, Michigan (AP)

— While hybrids and electrics may grab the headlines, the real frontier in fuel economy is the switch to lighter materials.

Automakers have been experimenting for decades with lightweighting, as the practice is known, but the effort is gaining urgency with the adoption of tougher fuel efficiency standards. To meet the U.S. government's goal of nearly doubling average fuel economy to 45 mpg (19 kpl) by 2025, cars need to lose some serious pounds. Lighter doesn't mean less safe. Cars with new materials are already acing government crash tests. Around 30 percent of new vehicles already have hoods made of aluminum, which can absorb the same amount of impact as steel. Some car companies are teaming up with airplane makers, which have years of crash simulation data for lightweight materials.

Ford gave a glimpse of the future last week with a lightweight Fusion car. The prototype, developed with the U.S. Department of Energy, is about 800 pounds lighter than a typical Fusion thanks to dozens of changes in parts and materials.

The instrument panel consists of a carbon fiber and nylon composite instead of steel. The rear window is made from the same tough but thin plastic that covers your cellphone.

The car has aluminum brake rotors that are 39 percent lighter than cast iron ones and carbon fiber wheels that weigh 42 percent less than aluminum ones.

Because it's lighter, the prototype can use the same small engine as Ford's subcompact Fiesta, which gets an estimated 45 mpg on the highway.

The car won't be in dealerships anytime soon. For one thing, it's prohibitively expensive. Its seats, for exam-

ple, cost up to \$73 apiece because they have carbon fiber frames. The same seats with steel frames are \$12.

Still, prototypes are helping Ford and other companies figure out the ideal mix of materials.

"These are the technologies that will creep into vehicles in the next three to five years," said Matt Zaluzec, Ford's technical leader for materials and manufacturing research.

Some vehicles have already made a lightweight leap. Land Rover's 2013 Range Rover, which went on sale last year, dropped around 700 pounds (317 kilograms) with its all-aluminum body, while the new Acura MDX shed 275 pounds (124 kilograms) thanks to increased use of high-strength steel, aluminum and magnesium.

Ford has unveiled an aluminum-body 2015 F-150 pickup, which shaves up to 700 pounds (317 kilograms) off the current version. The truck goes on sale later this year.

The average vehicle has gained more than 800 pounds over the last 12 years and now tops out at just over 3,900 pounds (1,770 kilograms), according to government data. Not only have cars gotten bigger, but safety features like air bags and more crash-resistant frames have also added weight. General Motors' Chevrolet Volt electric car has to drag around a 400-pound (180-kilogram) battery.

Morgan Stanley estimates that shaving 110 pounds (50 kilograms) off each of the 1 billion cars on the world's roads could save \$40 billion in fuel each year. "Lightweighting is going to be with us for a long time," said Hesham Ezzat, a technical fellow at GM. "Every manufacturer is going to have to leverage their entire palette of materials."

Here's a look at some of the materials automakers will use to shed the pounds:

HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL: Steel isn't going away. Chances are, high-strength steel — a lighter and stronger steel mixed with other elements such as nickel and titanium — already makes up at least 15 percent of your car's weight. Some newer models, such as the Cadillac ATS, are nearly 40 percent high-strength steel. High-strength steel costs about 15 percent more than regular steel, but less than other materials such as aluminum. It still weighs more than aluminum, but continuing advances could cut that weight. Extremely thin but strong steels made with nanotechnology — which manipulates the metal at the molecular level — could be on cars by 2017.

ALUMINUM: The typical vehicle already contains around 340 pounds of aluminum, or about 10 percent of the weight of a mid-size car. It's most commonly used in engines, wheels, hoods and trunk lids.

Aluminum is lighter than steel and easy to form into a variety of parts. It's also more corrosion-resistant than steel.

There are drawbacks. The supply of steel is many times greater than that of aluminum, and will be for many years. Aluminum also costs 30 percent more than conventional steel, and a rapid increase in demand could make aluminum prices volatile.

Still, consultant McKinsey and Co. predicts aluminum's use in the auto industry will triple by 2030.

CARBON FIBER: Airplanes use it. Boats use it.

Carbon fiber is a high-strength material made from woven fibers. It's half the weight of steel, it is resistant to dents and corrosion, and it offers the most design flexibility, since it can be shaped in ways that stamped metal can't.

But the high cost of carbon fiber and the time it takes to form it into parts are huge barriers for the auto



This undated photo provided by Ford Motor Co. shows a lightweight Fusion sedan that was unveiled Tuesday, June 3, 2014. The prototype is 800 pounds lighter than a regular Fusion thanks to more use of aluminum and other materials.

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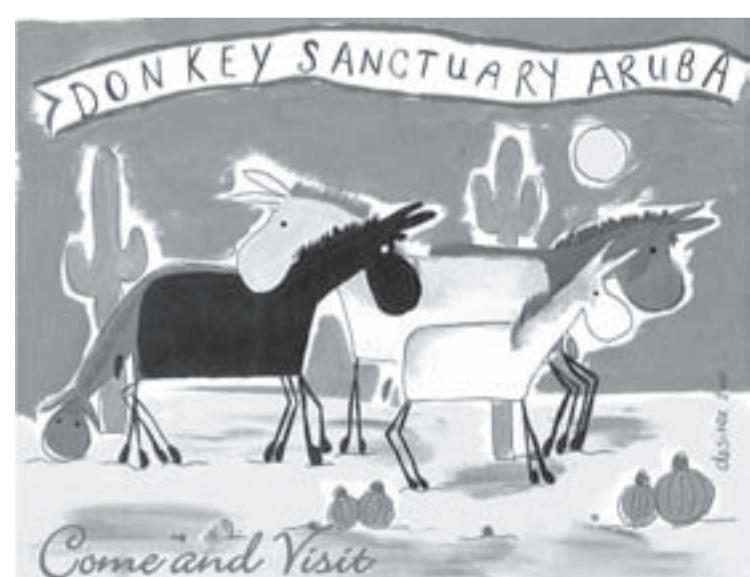
industry.

Petroleum-based strands must go through several stages before they're woven into carbon fiber. After that, it takes five minutes to form the material into a part, compared with one minute for steel or aluminum. On an assembly line producing a car every minute, that's simply too long. Plus, carbon fiber is five to six times more expensive than steel, according to McKinsey.

Automakers, the government and others are ex-

perimenting with cheaper materials for the fibers and faster-curing resins that could shorten the time to form parts. McKinsey believes that could significantly shrink the price gap by 2030.

Until then, expect to see carbon fiber in limited amounts on low-volume or luxury cars. The Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, which starts at \$51,000, has a carbon fiber hood and roof, while the \$41,350 BMW i3 electric car is built around a carbon fiber frame. □



Stock market ekes out another record high

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NEW YORK (AP) — Call it the ho-hum market. Another day, another record high.

News of a handful of corporate deals sent some stocks jumping Monday. And Family Dollar climbed following news that investor Carl Icahn has taken a stake in the company.

With no major economic reports to drive the market, U.S. indexes made slight gains in the morning then slouched back toward the breakeven mark in the afternoon. The Standard & Poor's 500 index still managed to close at another all-time high, rising 1.83 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,951.27.

The Dow Jones industrial average edged up 18.82 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,943.10, while the Nasdaq composite index gained 14.84 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,336.24.

The S&P 500 has been on a steady climb for three

weeks, lifting the benchmark for most investment funds by 4 percent the last

makes it look like the S&P 500 has moved "too far, too fast," said Joe Bell,

But there are still plenty of traders making bets against the market. Peo-

after week, according to the Investment Company Institute.

"We don't think there's an overwhelming amount of optimism right now," Bell said.

In corporate deal news, Hillshire Brands rose \$3.14, or 5 percent, to \$62.06 after Tyson Foods emerged as the winner in a bidding war for meat processor.

Merck announced a deal to buy Idenix Pharmaceuticals for \$3.85 billion, an acquisition that would give the pharmaceutical giant Idenix's array of treatments for hepatitis C. Idenix soared \$16.56, or 229 percent, to \$23.79.

Apple's stock rose \$1.48 cents, or nearly 2 percent, to \$93.77. That's after closing at \$645.57 on Friday. The difference reflects Apple's 7-for-1 stock split, which gave every Apple stockholder six additional shares for every share they owned

In a disclosure filed to regulators late Friday, Carl Icahn said he and his affiliates have picked up a 9 percent stake in Family Dollar, a discount store, and plan to look for changes to boost the company's value. Family Dollar's stock jumped \$8.09, or 13 percent, to \$68.62.

Some investment analysts have been warning that the market is past due for a 10 percent drop, known as a "correction," because there hasn't been one since August 2011 — nearly three years. Since World War II, corrections typically hit every 18 months on average, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Jim Paulsen, the chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management, said he wouldn't rule one out this year. But such a downturn requires the right environment, one in which investors get too greedy for their own good. Right now, he said, there's too much caution.

"It's going to take some time before people get so greedy that they're going to do stupid stuff and blow us up," Paulsen said. □



Trader Greg Mulligan, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, June 9, 2014. The stock market nudged higher Monday morning after a handful of U.S. companies announced acquisitions. Family Dollar's stock jumped following news that investor Carl Icahn has taken a stake in the company.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

month.

Judging by some measures, that sudden success

senior equity analyst at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

people have also taken billions out of mutual funds that invest in U.S. stocks week

Survey: Growth to pick up, hiring steady

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. economic growth should accelerate in the second quarter and remain healthy for the rest of this year, according to a forecast by a group of U.S. business economists. Still, growth for the full year will likely come in lower than they previously estimated.

Job growth should remain steady and consumer spending will also likely pick up, a survey by the National Association of Business Economists said Monday. The survey of 47 economists from companies, trade associations and academia was conducted from May 8 to May 21. The survey also found that economists increasingly agree that the Federal Reserve will end its bond purchase program by the end of this year.

That's partly because economists are optimistic about growth for the rest

of this year: They expect it will jump to 3.5 percent in the second quarter and re-

domestic product to contract 1 percent in the first three months of the year,



Evelyn Morales assembles blender blades at the Vitamix manufacturing facility in Strongsville, Ohio. U.S. economic growth should accelerate in the second quarter and remain healthy for the rest of this year, according to a forecast Monday, June 9, 2014 by a group of U.S. business economists. Still, growth for the full year will likely come in lower than they previously estimated.

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main above 3 percent for the rest of the year.

But the pickup comes after harsh winter weather caused the nation's gross

much worse than analysts had expected. GDP is the broadest measure of an economy's output.

That weak first quarter

reading has caused many economists to lower their expectations for 2014 as a whole. The NABE survey found that economists now project growth will be just 2.5 percent this year, down from a forecast of 2.8 percent in March.

The new forecast is still slightly above the annual average growth rate of about 2.2 percent since the recession ended in June 2009 and up from 1.9 percent in 2013. But stronger growth is needed to accelerate hiring and boost wage growth, which has been weak by historical standards.

The NABE's survey is slightly more pessimistic than the Federal Reserve's most recent projections, released in March. The Fed expects growth will be between 2.8 percent and 3 percent this year. The Fed may lower its growth outlook for this year when it releases its next forecasts later this month because of the first quarter's contraction. □

Merck will pay \$3.85B for hep C drug developer

WHITEHOUSE STATION, N.J. (AP) — Merck will spend nearly \$4 billion for Idenix Pharmaceuticals with a per-share bid that more than triples the hepatitis C drug developer's last closing price.

Pharmaceutical companies are racing to test new and potentially lucrative treatments for hepatitis C, a blood-borne disease that causes liver damage and is expected to become more common as the U.S. population ages.

Merck will spend \$24.50 in cash for each Idenix share. The company's stock closed at \$7.23 on Friday and had already climbed 21 percent so far this year. Shares of Idenix Pharmaceuticals Inc. soared more than 230 percent at the opening bell Monday.

The boards of both companies have approved the deal, which they expect to close in the third quarter.

Merck said Cambridge, Massachusetts company has built a promising portfolio of hepatitis C treatments, including three that have reached clinical testing, or testing in humans. Its most advanced candidate, samatasvir, is in mid-stage testing.

Merck also has a portfolio of hepatitis C treatments that includes Victrelis and several drugs in development.

Doctors have long sought more effective, palatable treatments for hepatitis C. Until late last year, the standard treatments required patients to ingest 12 pills a day, alongside antiviral drug injections that can cause flu-like symptoms. That approach cured only about 75 percent of patients.

Physicians quickly embraced Gilead Sciences Inc.'s once-a-day pill Sovaldi, which was approved by U.S. regulators in December and cures between 80 percent and 90 percent of its patients. Sovaldi racked up more than \$2 billion in sales for Gilead in its first full quarter on the market.

Tyson wins bidding war to gobble up Hillshire

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NEW YORK (AP) — Tyson Foods Inc. has won a bidding war to gobble up Hillshire Brands, the maker of Jimmy Dean sausages and Ball Park hot dogs.

Tyson had been vying with rival poultry producer Pilgrim's Pride to acquire Hillshire, which wrapped up its bidding process Sunday. Tyson's final offer ended up at \$63 per share, about two weeks after Pilgrim's Pride made an initial bid of \$45 per share.

Pilgrim's Pride, which is owned by Brazilian meat giant JBS, said Monday that it was bowing out of the competition.

Still, the deal is not sealed yet. It is contingent on the termination of Hillshire's offer to acquire Pinnacle Foods Inc., which makes Birds Eye frozen vegetables and Wish-Bone salad dressings. Pinnacle could choose to cut bait and walk away with \$163 million breakup fee, or force the deal to a vote by Hillshire shareholders.

A Pinnacle representative didn't return a call for comment.

In a conference call with

reporters, Tyson CEO Donnie Smith said he was confident the \$63 offer would end up being worthwhile for Tyson shareholders, despite how high the price went.

"Great brands like Jimmy

announced, its shares were up 5 percent at \$61.89.

Tyson, like Pilgrim's Pride, has been looking to boost its presence in brand-name, prepared foods like Jimmy Dean breakfast sandwiches. Those types of

more focused on supplying supermarkets and restaurant chains.

In particular, Tyson said it was drawn by Hillshire's stable of breakfast foods, which would better position it in the fast-growing category.

Tyson also noted the potential for cost savings by combining supply chains, transportation and other operations with Hillshire. But Smith said it was too early to comment on how many jobs could be cut as a result of the deal.

Tyson's offer will be in place until Dec. 12, the final termination date of the deal with Pinnacle.

Hillshire Brands noted it does not have the right to end the deal with Pinnacle on the basis of the Tyson offer, or enter into an agreement with Tyson before the deal is terminated.

"There can be no assurance that any transaction will result from the Tyson Foods offer," Hillshire said in a statement.

Hillshire, based in Chicago, had been trying to diversify its own portfolio by moving into other areas of the supermarket with the \$4.23 billion acquisition of Pinnacle.



This file photo combo shows a package of frozen Tyson Chicken Nuggets, left, and a package of Hillshire Farm sausage, in Palo Alto, Calif. Meat producer Tyson Foods Inc. has won a bidding war for Hillshire Brands, the maker of Jimmy Dean sausages and Ball Park hot dogs, with a \$63 per share offer, the companies announced Monday, June 9, 2014.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Dean and Ball Park just don't become available very often," Smith said. Hillshire's stock closed at \$36.95 on May 9, the day before the company announced the Pinnacle deal. On Monday afternoon after the deal was

products are more profitable than fresh meat, such as chicken breasts, where there isn't as much wiggle room to pad prices. While Tyson and Pilgrim's Pride already sell some brand-name products, their businesses have been

McDonald's US sales slip again in May

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — McDonald's says a key sales metric slipped again in the U.S. as it faced "ongoing broad-based challenges"

in May.

The world's largest hamburger chain said U.S. sales declined 1 percent at locations open at least

14 months. The fast-food chain has been struggling to boost sales amid heightened competition and changing eating habits. Many of its core customers are also struggling financially, which has forced McDonald's to intensify its focus on value.

Executives at McDonald's have also conceded that the chain introduced too many items too quickly last year, which led to slower service and inaccurate orders. CEO Don Thompson has said the company is working with franchisees to address those problems, in part by ensuring restaurants have appropriate staffing. The decline in the U.S. comes after a 1.7 percent drop for the first three months of the year. And last year, sales at estab-



A man talks on a mobile phone next to a downtown McDonald's in Hong Kong. McDonald's global sales at established restaurants grew 0.9 percent for the world's largest hamburger chain, the company said Monday, June 9, 2014. A 2.5 percent increase in sales in its Asia, Middle East and Africa region was driven by strength in China and other Asian markets.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

lished U.S. locations slipped 0.2 percent.

Overseas, a rebound in China after last year's worries about avian flu helped lift sales by 2.5 percent in its Asia, Middle East and Africa division. That in turn lifted global sales 0.9 percent for May.

In Europe, McDonald's largest market, the sales figure rose 0.4 percent, boosted by improvements in the United Kingdom and France. An expanded beverage business was among the factors behind the improvements. McDonald's Corp., based in Oak Brook, Illinois, has more than 35,000 locations around the world. Its shares slipped 19 cents to \$101.77 in pre-market trading Monday. Its shares are up more than 5 percent so far this year.

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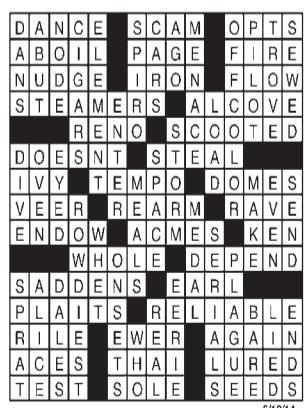
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Understanding Ed O'Bannon's suit against the NCAA

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In the court of public opinion, the NCAA has been on trial for quite some time now.

Its critics say college athletics have become a big business that brings in billions of dollars on the backs of unpaid athletes. Its defenders argue that players are student-athletes who are fairly compensated with tuition scholarships and the opportunity to compete.

This contentious debate will be explored in federal court beginning Monday, when the former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon's antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA is scheduled to go to trial. In court, O'Bannon's lawyers will ask U.S. District Court Judge Claudia Wilken to rule that the NCAA cannot prohibit college players from sharing in the proceeds from broadcasts and video games in which they - or their likenesses - are featured.

Nearly five years ago, O'Bannon sued the NCAA, as well as EA Sports, the video game maker, and the Collegiate Licensing Co., which handles licensing rights for many universities. Lawyers for O'Bannon have reached a \$40 million settlement with EA Sports and the Collegiate Licensing Co. - but the case against the NCAA goes on. Q: Who is Ed O'Bannon and why is he suing the NCAA?

A: O'Bannon, 41, led UCLA to the 1995 NCAA championship in his senior season. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the tournament and a consensus all-American. He was drafted ninth overall by the New Jersey Nets, but his career fizzled.



Ed O'Bannon, a star forward on UCLA's 1995 championship basketball team, at the car dealership where he works in Hendersonville, Nev., May 30, 2013. O'Bannon is at the forefront of a lawsuit against the NCAA filed in to expand rights for current and former college athletes, asking that the group cannot prohibit college players from sharing in the proceeds from broadcasts and video games in which they — or their likenesses — are featured.

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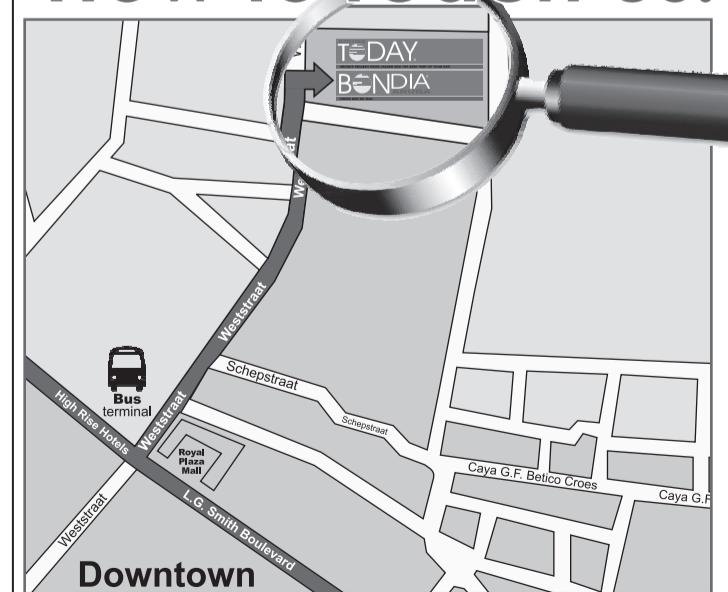
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Many years later, O'Bannon, now a car salesman in the Las Vegas area, recognized himself on a video game and was troubled that his likeness was being used without his consent - or payment.

O'Bannon then became the lead plaintiff in the antitrust suit filed in July 2009. He was later joined by current and former players, including Bill Russell and Oscar Robertson, and the lawsuit was certified as a class-action.

Q: What will the lawyers for O'Bannon be arguing? What are they hoping to accomplish with this trial? □

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Scientists explore using trees to clean pollution

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FREERPORT, Texas (AP) — Before the sprawling Texas city of Houston and its suburbs were built, a dense forest naturally purified the coastal air along a stretch of the Gulf Coast that grew thick with pecan, ash, live oak and hackberry trees. It was the kind of pristine woodland that was mostly wiped out by settlers in their rush to clear land and build communities. Now one of America's largest chemical companies and one of its oldest conservation groups have forged an unlikely partnership that seeks to recreate some of that forest to curb pollution.

The plan drafted by Dow Chemical and the Nature Conservancy is only in its infancy and faces many hurdles. But it envisions a day when expensive machines used to capture industrial pollutants might be at least partially replaced by restoring some of the groves of native trees that once filled the land.

Many plants, and especially trees, capture pollution naturally when it hits their leaves. Trees with the biggest leaves and the widest canopies capture the most pollutants, especially nitrogen oxide, a common byproduct of combustion that can irritate lungs and contributes to the formation of ground-level ozone. The reforestation proposal imagines emissions from Dow's largest North American factory drifting downwind into the trees near Freeport, Texas.

Dow and the Nature Conservancy began a six-year, \$10 million collaboration in 2011, when they came together to look at ways natural resources could be used to save the company money.



In this May 22, 2014 photo, railroad tanker cars line alongside a Dow Chemicals plant in Freeport, Texas. The plan from Dow Chemical and the Nature Conservancy calls for growing thick groves of trees to capture pollutants downwind from a chemical plant. **Associated Press**

After reading an obscure notation by the federal Environmental Protection Agency that suggested reforestation could improve air quality, the two groups decided to research how the idea might work and whether it could be cost-effective.

Scientists used a complex model from the U.S. Forest Service that considers everything from wind patterns to the size of tree leaves and the overall canopy to estimate the air-quality improvements that might come from 1,000 acres (400 hectares) of forest.

"The big discovery was that you could combine the traditional infrastructure with reforestation and still meet regulation," said Laura Huffman, the conservancy's director in Texas.

The trees, Huffman said, may not completely replace traditional technology, but they could complement it, allowing factories to use smaller, cheaper equipment. The research found that over 30 years a 1,000-acre (400 hectares) forest would remove 4 to 7 tons of nitrogen oxide annually, said Timm Kroeger, a senior environmental economist with the conservancy. A traditional mechanical "scrubber" removes about 50 to 70 tons annually.

So a 10,000-acre (4,000 hectares) forest equals one average industrial scrubber, he explained. And in this part of Texas, where open land is ample, reforestation is within reach.

The cost of the project not including the land would be about the same as using traditional forms of pollution control, Weick said.

Organizers hope to work with a landowner interested in reforesting, probably with help from conservation tax credits. Or the Nature Conservancy or the federal government would buy the land and give it to Dow free of charge.

A recent progress report determined that the cost of cleaning a ton of nitrogen oxide through reforestation was \$2,400 to \$4,000, compared with \$2,500 to \$5,000 using traditional equipment.

The research is still being reviewed by other scientists. And before any formal plan could be adopted, it would have to win approval from state and federal regulators, who would require any pollution-cleansing method to be quantifiable and enforceable. Trees may not fit the bill. Unlike machines, they are living organisms that are subject to diseases, droughts and other threats such as hurricanes or fires. □

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Pual McCartney postpones some U.S. tour dates



This July 9, 2013, file photo shows Paul McCartney performing at Fenway Park in Boston.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Paul McCartney is rescheduling U.S. tour dates as he continues to recover from a virus he received treatment for last month.

The former Beatles singer announced Monday tour stops scheduled for mid-June will be postponed to October. He was supposed to kick off the U.S. leg of his tour Saturday. Instead his first show will be July 5 in Albany, New York.

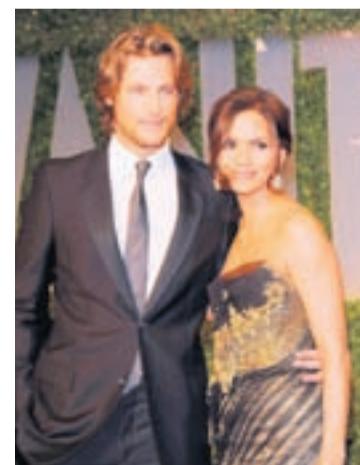
McCartney says he's taking his doctor's advice and will take more time to rest. Last month he cancelled his "Out There Japan Tour 2014" because of his illness. U.S. tickets for the seven original June dates will be honored at the new dates. The tour wraps up Oct. 28 in Louisville, Kentucky.

McCartney turns 72 next week. □

Halle Berry reaches settlement on child support

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has approved a settlement between Halle Berry and her ex-boyfriend over child support payments for their 6-year-old daughter.

The agreement approved by Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon on May 30 calls for Berry to pay ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubrey \$16,000 a month or nearly \$200,000 a year to support their daughter. The Oscar-winning actress will also pay for their daughter's tuition, but the former couple will split health care expenses. □



In this Feb. 22, 2009 file photo, actress Halle Berry, right, and Gabriel Aubrey arrive at the Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, Calif.

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Brad Paisley on patriotism: Support our soldiers



Brad Paisley performs during the CMA Music Festival at LP Field on Sunday, June 8, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

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AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— While it's true patriotism means different things to different people in the U.S., country music singer Brad Paisley thinks we can all agree on one aspect: Military personnel should be treated with respect. This belief spurred two recent actions: Paisley joined President Barack Obama on a trip to Afghanistan to perform for troops and took a moment recently to mock protesters outside a concert in Kansas. Members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas, sometimes conduct anti-gay demonstrations at military funerals in opposition to government policies.

"My patriotism starts there," Paisley said in an interview before performing at the CMA Music Festival on Sunday night. "We're talking about, I think everyone can agree — except

maybe Westboro Baptist — on the fact our soldiers are our most important, the most amazing people that we've had."

Paisley, who has a new singing contest show, "Rising Star," that begins this month and a new album due in August, traveled to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan with Obama on May 25. The experience was still fresh when the son of a veteran encountered protesters outside his show June 1. The 41-year-old West Virginia native took a selfie while making a face with protesters in the background and posted it to Instagram with a mildly profane caption that mocked the church. Paisley says it's a topic he spends time thinking about and wrote a new song, "American Flag on the Moon," that deals with the topic of patriotism for the new album, "Wheelhouse." "I feel like I'm one of those people that defies category," Paisley said. "I'm

all over the map in a lot of ways, but I feel like being on a journey of trying to figure out how to make this country better is a healthy thing and something I like to look into. I don't know any answers to it. But, you know, sort of daily it's easy to look at something and say here's what you should be doing. It's harder and more of my approach to look at something and say, 'OK, what are both sides.'" While in Afghanistan in a hangar jam-packed with surprised soldiers, Paisley posed for a picture with Capt. Brandon Archer, who mentioned he'd be shipping out soon and planned to attend CMA Fest.

Archer arrived home last Monday and Paisley invited him and his wife, Jean — the two Army captains are based at nearby Fort Campbell in Kentucky — to visit him backstage. The medevac helicopter pilot arrived with a gift — a small American flag. □

Psy goes for 'Gangnam' departure with new single

NICOLE EVATT
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even Psy is over "Gangnam Style."

The ubiquitous 2012 hit is one Psy knows he probably will never top, and that makes creating new music quite a challenge.

"People always comparing my new thing with 'Gangnam Style,' which is unbeatable," Psy said in a recent interview at YouTube Space LA. "That means I have a severe, heavy pressure on my shoulder. ... In that way I don't like the song."

The bizarre, colorful video featuring the now-iconic horse gallop dance recently surpassed 2 billion, a record for YouTube. The South Korean pop star also holds the record for most views in a day with 38 million for his "Gangnam Style" follow up "Gentleman."

The 36-year-old, who was widely famous in Korea before "Gangnam," remains humble about his relatively new international fame.



In this Wednesday, June 4, 2014 photo, South Korean musical performer Psy speaks during an interview in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

He admitted he is just as thrilled and surprised as his fans when he's recognized on the street.

"If I'm walking out and no one's recognized me and no one is asking me about autograph or photograph that's a tragedy," he said. "I should quit my job with

that. So sometimes it's tired, yes of course, but that's part of my job."

Psy decided switching genres would be his best bet for another hit with his latest single so he teamed with Snoop Dogg on the hip-hop track "Hangover." He said the American rap-

per signed on immediately after only hearing the song's title.

The "Hangover" video, which debuted Sunday on ABC's Jimmy Kimmel Live! and Psy's YouTube channel, serves as a lesson in Asian hangover remedies. "This video is not about dance moves, but it's about like culture exchanging," Psy said.

Psy signed with Justin Bieber's manager, Scooter

Braun, after "Gangnam's" initial success. He said he appreciates Braun's guidance and impressive drinking abilities.

"He is the most strongest tolerance with alcohol among Americans," Psy said. "Asians drink really hard and really mixing everything and really drinking hard every day. So literally I was kind of like unbeatable person with the alcohol before I meet Scooter." Psy will return to his EDM roots on a new EP, due later this year. But this time he plans to include more English lyrics.

"All the people you know, except Korea, they don't have any idea what I'm saying right? They're just waiting for 'Hey, sexy lady,'" he said of an English lyric from "Gangnam Style." "I figured out like maybe from now on I should communicate more." But for now he'll continue rapping in his native Korean on Braun's advice: "He saying, 'If you are rapping in English we already have so many rappers who's way better than you. But if you rap in Korean, you're No. 1 in this country,' which is really smart."

Glenn Beck: I bought D-Day flag at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Conservative radio host Glenn Beck says he and his Mercury One charity paid \$350,000 at a Manhattan auction for a U.S. flag that flew over a ship at Normandy on D-Day.

Beck announced on his radio show and website that he was the anonymous online bidder who bought the 48-star Navy ensign at a sale of World War II artifacts and memorabilia at Bonhams last Thursday.

The tattered flag flew aboard the American-built LST 493 during D-Day operations 70 years ago. It had been estimated to sell for \$25,000 to \$35,000.

During Friday's show, Beck referred to the flag as "the



This photo provided by Bonhams shows a tattered 48-star American flag that flew aboard the U.S.-built LST 493 on D-Day that is being auctioned by Bonhams in New York on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Associated Press

20th century's Star-Spangled Banner."

Bonhams says it's prohibited by law from divulging

information about anonymous bidders.

'Tonight' show is Christie's bridge back to comedy

NEW YORK (AP) — If you believe Chris Christie is going to put himself at the mercy of a late-night comic, we've got a bridge to sell you.

But it's true. NBC said Monday that the New Jersey governor is booked to appear on Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight" show on Thursday, alongside comic Chris Rock and musician Kacey Musgrave.

Christie is no stranger to late-night television. He appeared on Fallon's "Late Night" three times before the star took over "Tonight" in February. But this is his first foray into late-night comedy since the story about lane closures on the George Washington Bridge became a problem for the Republican governor.



In this Jan. 16, 2014 file photo, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie speaks in Manahawkin, N.J. For almost a year, The Associated Press has been tracking movements and machinations of more than a dozen prospective presidential candidates.

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Day of Reckoning for NCAA



JOE NOCERA
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I began writing about the NCAA 2 1/2 years ago, more or less by accident. Assigned by The New York Times Magazine to imagine a scheme in which athletes in the revenue sports - football and men's basketball - get paid, I was awakened for the first time to inequities in the world of big-time college sports. Of course I knew that the coaches were getting rich while the players were getting nothing; everybody knew that. But I didn't think that much about it. Neither did most fans, I would venture to guess.

In the course of my reporting, though, I began to see things differently. Big-time college athletes aren't just playing a sport for the fun of it; they are a free labor force generating revenue in a multibillion dollar industry. Is it really right for Nick Saban, the football coach at Alabama to make \$6.9 million a year - that's the size of his new contract - while his players have to be content with a college scholarship? A scholarship, I might add, that doesn't even guarantee a decent education, since so many players are guided into "courses" that simply allow them to remain eligible.

The NCAA's highhanded ways - its investigations that lack not just due process but any sense of fairness, its petty rules and its cartel nature - all began to come into focus. "Amateurism," the NCAA's core concept, was, I firmly came to believe, a smoke screen designed to protect a lucrative business model that worked for everybody except the athletes. Although athletes are usually thought of as big men on campus, I discovered that many of them, coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, were essentially penniless during their college years. So that original magazine story about paying the players went from being an interesting thought exercise to something I really believed in. I also thought that athletes should get extended scholarships, and more protections if they were injured or their health was compromised. I was convinced that the day would arrive when some of these changes would take place. But given the power and recalcitrance of the NCAA, I thought that such a radical change was at least a decade away.

On Monday, however, in a

courtroom in Oakland, California, a trial will begin that could shorten that timetable considerably. It's the O'Bannon case, named after Ed O'Bannon, the former UCLA basketball star who is the lead plaintiff in an antitrust lawsuit that claims the NCAA has illegally conspired to prevent former and current college athletes from controlling - and profiting from - their own images and likenesses. (Disclosure: William Isaacson of the firm Boies, Schiller & Flexner is one of the lawyers representing O'Bannon. My wife works for the same firm, but she has no role in the case and does not stand to gain financially if O'Bannon wins.)

What is particularly striking to me on the eve of the trial is the sense I have that many sports-writers and fans have traveled the path I did these past few years, and have gotten to the same place. The NCAA argues that if amateurism is done away with, college sports as we know them will go away. Amateurism, Mark Emmert, the NCAA president, told me a few years ago, helps ensure "competitive fairness across schools and institutions." He added, "We want to minimize the involvement of third parties and others who seek to take advantage of an individual young person."

Is there anyone, aside from the most hard-core NCAA defenders, who actually believes that anymore? The disparity between the grown-up haves and the teenage have-nots has simply grown too big to ignore. A few days ago, I asked Sonny Vaccaro, the former sneaker marketer who now devotes his life to trying to force the NCAA to change, what he hoped the trial would bring. "In some ways, we have already won," he said. "People inside the system are advocating for four-year scholarships and other changes that will benefit kids. People have humanized the athletes. That's really important."

There is no guarantee, of course, that the plaintiffs will win in O'Bannon. Time and again over the years, the NCAA has been able to carry the day in court with its paean to the wonders of amateurism. This time, the judge, Claudia Wilken, has essentially said that she doesn't think the concept of amateurism has a place in an antitrust trial. The central issue is whether the NCAA model is pro-competitive or anticompetitive. Just like any other antitrust trial.

Nearly two decades ago, a man named Walter Byers - who first built the NCAA into the force that it became, and then, late in his career, turned against it - wrote a memoir in which he said that only two institutions could force the NCAA to change: Congress or the courts. This week, the courts get their chance. □



Don't Harsh Our Mellow, Dude



MAUREEN DOWD
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The caramel-chocolate flavored candy bar looked so innocent, like the Sky Bars I used to love as a child.

Sitting in my hotel room in Denver, I nibbled off the end and then, when nothing happened, nibbled some more. I figured if I was reporting on the social revolution rocking Colorado in January, the giddy culmination of pot Prohibition, I should try a taste of legal, edible pot from a local shop.

What could go wrong with a bite or two?

Everything, as it turned out. Not at first. For an hour, I felt nothing. I figured I'd order dinner from room service and return to my more mundane drugs of choice, chardonnay and mediocre-movies-on-demand.

But then I felt a scary shudder go through my body and brain. I barely made it from the desk to the bed, where I lay curled up in a hallucinatory state for the next eight hours. I was thirsty but couldn't move to get water. Or even turn off the lights. I was panting and paranoid, sure that when the room-service waiter knocked and I didn't answer, he'd call the police and have me arrested for being unable to handle my candy.

I strained to remember where I was or even what I was wearing, touching my green corduroy jeans and staring at the exposed-brick wall. As my paranoid deepened, I became convinced that I had died and no one was telling me.

It took all night before it began to wear off, distressingly slowly. The

next day, a medical consultant at an edibles plant where I was conducting an interview mentioned that candy bars like that are supposed to be cut into 16 pieces for novices; but that recommendation hadn't been on the label.

I reckoned that the fact that I was not a regular marijuana smoker made me more vulnerable, and that I should have known better. But it turns out, five months in, that some kinks need to be ironed out with the intoxicating open bar at the Mile High Club.

Colorado raked in about \$12.6 million the first three months after pot was legalized for adults 21 and older. Pot party planners are dreaming up classy events: The Colorado Symphony just had its first "Classically Cannabis" fundraiser with joints and Debussy. But the state is also coming to grips with the darker side of unleashing a drug as potent as marijuana on a horde of tourists of all ages and tolerance levels seeking a mellow buzz.

In March, a 19-year-old Wyoming college student jumped off a Denver hotel balcony after eating a pot cookie with 65 milligrams of THC. In April, a Denver man ate pot-infused Karma Kandy and began talking like it was the end of the world, scaring his wife and three kids. Then he retrieved a handgun from a safe and killed his wife while she was on the phone with an emergency dispatcher.

As Jack Healy reported in The Times on Sunday, Colorado hospital officials "are treating growing numbers of children and adults sickened by potent doses of edible marijuana," and neighboring states are seeing more stoned drivers.

"We realized there was a problem because we're watching everything with the urgency of the first people to regulate in this area," said Andrew Freedman, the state's director of marijuana coordination. "There are way too many stories of people not understanding how much they're eating. With liquor, people understand what they're getting them-

selves into. But that doesn't exist right now for edibles for new users in the market. It would behoove the industry to create a more pleasant experience for people. "The whole industry was set up for people who smoked frequently. It needs to learn how to educate new users in the market. We have to create a culture of responsibility around edibles, so people know what to expect to feel."

Gov. John Hickenlooper and the Legislature recently created a task force to come up with packaging that clearly differentiates pot cookies and candy and gummy bears from normal sweets - with an eye toward protecting children - and directed the Department of Revenue to restrict the amount of edibles that can be sold at one time to one person. The governor also signed legislation mandating that there be a stamp on edibles, possibly a marijuana leaf. (Or maybe a stoned skull and bones?)

The state plans to start testing to make sure the weed is spread evenly throughout the product. The task force is discussing having bartenders give better warnings to customers and moving toward demarcating a single-serving size of 10 milligrams. (Industry representatives objected to the expense of wrapping bites of candy individually.)

"My kids put rocks and batteries in their mouths," said Bob Eschino, the owner of Incredibles, which makes candy and serves up chocolate and strawberry fountains. "If I put a marijuana leaf on a piece of chocolate, they'll still put it in their mouths."

He argues that, since pot goodies leave the dispensary in child-proof packages, it is the parents' responsibility to make sure their kids don't get hold of it.

"Somebody suggested we just make everything look like a gray square so it doesn't look appealing," he said. "Why should the whole industry suffer just because less than 5 percent of people are having problems with the correct dosing?"

Does he sound a little paranoid? □

At Rio's Beaches, Kicks Go Over Net

SAM BORDEN

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RIO DE JANEIRO - The most impressive move in Brazilian sports has nothing to do with soccer, takes place on sand and is known, delightfully, as the Shark Attack. While most of the attention in this city will be on the World Cup during the next month, the fans walking the beaches here will also find themselves transfixed by a game in which players routinely throw themselves into the air, twist their bodies in all directions and raise their feet more than 6 feet off the ground. The sport is known as futevolei (pronounced foo-chee-volley), and its signature move is mesmerizing.

The game, which was born on the famed beaches of Copacabana in the 1960s, features a pair of competitors on each side of a net playing beach volleyball without the use of their hands. Creativity is king: Players use their feet, shoulders, chests, heads and anything else that would be legal on a soccer field to get the ball back over the net. A soft touch, powerful legs and sharp reflexes are critical.

So, too, is a certain amount of fearlessness, particularly for those who want to attempt the Shark Attack, a move created by Leo Túbarão - whose surname translates to "shark" - that is essentially futevolei's equivalent to volleyball's spike or tennis' overhead smash.

To pull off the move, a player has to leap high enough that he can get his leg above the net before powering the ball down with the bottom of his foot. Done right, it is nearly impossible to defend; done wrong, it can result in a crippling injury.

"I've seen people hanging in the net by their feet," said Leo Lindoso, a regular at games in Copacabana who also plays in top-level tournaments. "That does not feel good. You have to be careful."

Most players know not to try a Shark Attack unless they receive a perfect pass, Lin-

doso said. Most of the time, teams dink a shot just over the net or try to move their opposition in one direction before reversing the ball quickly the other way. Leonardo Souza, a doorman in Botafogo who has been playing for 12 years, said he learned quickly that the Shark Attack was not for beginners.

"I hurt my back and had to go to therapy" after trying the move, shortly after learning to play, he said. Then he winced and said, "It was an important lesson." Most players agreed that the most useful skill was control with one's chest. With such a large surface area to receive the ball, compared with the knee or instep, a player's chest is generally his most reliable tool for passing.

That can prove a bit more challenging for female players, said Aline Teixeira, a doctor in Rio who tries to play in competitive matches several nights a week. Teixeira said most women generally tried to receive the ball closer to their shoulders.

"You sort of bump your shoulder in when the ball comes," said Ana Paula Oliveira, a top female player who goes by the nickname Aninha. "It takes practice."

Teixeira, who often plays while her young children dig in the sand nearby, said she played until she was seven months pregnant - "I only stopped because my belly was too big and there was concern about the ball hitting it," she said - and then resumed playing eight weeks after giving birth.

"It would have been sooner, but I had a cesarean," she added.

The popularity of futevolei is growing steadily, and the game can now be found in countries such as Italy, Israel and Australia.

In the United States, there is the nascent Pro Footvolley Tour, although the sport is still trying to gain traction. Within Brazil, futevolei games are hardly exclusive to Rio - many of the best players these days actu-



A futevolei game at Leme Beach in Rio de Janeiro. Futevolei is a popular Brazilian version of beach volleyball in which players use any move that would be legal in soccer to get the ball back over the net.

(Lalo de Almeida/The New York Times)

ally come from Brasília - but even though the sport is well accepted, it is difficult for the best players to make a living.

Eduardo Alessandro Paiva, also known as Magrão, was one of Brazil's best players and competed internationally throughout the 2000s. He now works as a petroleum engineer and said he played only sporadically.

"The money is not good," he said. "Futevolei is a sport that opens doors - it doesn't make your life."

For most Brazilians, that is fine. Futevolei games typically spring up as the workday ends, and if one looks

closely, it is often possible to see wads of rolled-up bills stuck into the sides of the nets. Betting on games is commonplace.

Romário, a former Brazilian soccer star who is now a politician, is a frequent futevolei player in his home neighborhood, Barra.

Does he gamble?

Romário smiled. "It keeps it interesting," he said.

Souza, the doorman from Botafogo, said he worked until 7 p.m. most days and then went to the beach to play. His games are typically for 50-100 Brazilian reals (about \$22 to \$44), with each match played to

18 points. Souza has seen matches with stakes ten times as high, although that is not his preferred level.

To him, as to many other players, futevolei is about the sand and the sweating and the opportunity, just maybe, to rise high and pull off a perfect Shark Attack.

At the very least, Teixeira said, players know there will be action.

"I like football, but I prefer futevolei," she said. "Football can be kind of annoying. It's 45 minutes, and sometimes nothing happens. In futevolei, there is always something happening." □



A player in Rio de Janeiro executes a "shark attack," a spike made with the foot, during a futevolei game at Leme Beach in Rio de Janeiro.

(Lalo de Almeida/The New York Times)